



CHARITY HIT BY THIRD BREAK-IN

BY CARL JACKSON

A CHARITY has been broken into for the third time in less than six months, with children's toys and hundreds of pounds worth of tools taken.

Dads and Disabilities Support (DADS) in Longford Road, Cannock was targeted late on Friday.

The hooded culprit was captured on CCTV entering the premises at about 10pm.

He stole left-over children's Christmas presents and an electric fire after smashing his way into a log cabin which charity owner Andy Aldred had hand-built and transformed into a children's grotto.

The suspect then proceeded to take expensive tools – including a set of industrial ladders worth £500 – from another part of the compound.

Blood was left at the scene and staff are hoping police can use it to identify the thief.

It is the third such incident since September at DADS, which supports families with disabled children. A DADS spokeswoman said: "It is just so disappointing. We had around 800 children in the grotto for Christmas. Andy built it himself for people who are not able to get to that sort of thing. As a charity we don't have a lot of available funding and now this is something else we will have to try and find the money for."

"The presents themselves were not worth that much but a lot of damage was caused, he literally kicked the door in. The tools were worth hundreds of pounds. It is just the inconvenience of it all."

DADS has shared CCTV images in an appeal for information on its Facebook page.

The post said: "We are disappointed and disgusted to say the least!! He did not access the store but did break into the Grotto or should I say kicked the grotto doors in, taken the left over kids toys from Santa's grotto, taken the fire from the grotto too!!"

The charity shop was broken into in September while a month later an expensive chipper was stolen from a trailer. Staffordshire Police are investigating the latest break-in.

DADS is run by parents and carers whose children have special needs and disabilities. The charity relies on volunteers to keep it going.

SPINE-CHILLING TALE IS A WINNER AT FESTIVAL



Competition winner Christine Gwilym had her short story read by Paul Dowsell at Wolverhampton Art Gallery for the festival

A SPOOKY tale of mysterious dreams by a Great Wyrley mother was triumphant at the Wolverhampton Literature Festival.

Christine Gwilym was crowned winner of a short story competition after impressing judges with her spine-chilling tale 'The Baby Cried One Last Time'.

The mother-of-two, who lives with husband Brian, said she was shocked after revealing she submitted her piece with just 20 minutes to spare before the deadline. Mrs Gwilym

said: "It's lovely, I didn't expect it, it's my first win."

The Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star, launched the competition for writers across the region to craft an original 1,200-word fiction piece on any theme.

Mrs Gwilym said she was inspired to pull together her winning piece after encouragement from fellow writing club members Michael Job, Gloria Tizley and Gloria Ponder.

The story, penned in 2016 and fine-tuned

for the contest, came after group members gave them themselves the task of writing pieces that had to include a rake, unhinged gate, drawing pin and globe.

Retired teacher Mrs Gwilym said: "I think it's been a joint effort. I have got to this time in my life when I want to share and not think everything is to do with me. I read a lot during childhood but then work got in the way. Writing has been a new lease of life."

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BILLS

Council tax will soar from April

COUNCIL tax bills are set to soar from April after three more Staffordshire authorities announced plans to increase their share of the total amount.

Staffordshire County Council, Cannock Chase Council and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service have all signalled their intent to raise their precepts – following in the footsteps of Staffordshire Police.

Residents will be hit hardest by the county council's proposal to increase its share by 5.95 per cent. The county council's leader has said they 'cannot spend more money than we have coming in'.

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HEALTH

Protesters in demo over NHS pressures

CAMPAIGNERS will hold their first major demonstration in Stafford for more than a year to show their support for staff at County Hospital.

Members of the Support Stafford Hospital (SSH) group have chosen to join national health rallies around the country to protest about mounting pressure on the NHS. Demonstrators will be in the town centre on Saturday.

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CRIME

Shoppers warned after purses stolen

TWO shoppers had their purse snatched in Cannock town centre over the weekend.

Staffordshire Police issued an alert saying the culprits are targeting people in charity shops and small-business premises. Officers have urged people to keep purses zipped away and to not be rushed into making purchases.

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Funeral of Silks club founder Alan



Alan Murray – entrepreneur

THE funeral of Silks nightclub founder Alan Murray will be held today (Thursday).

The ceremony will be at St Luke's Church in Cannock at 12.30pm followed by a gathering at The Premier Suite Lounge afterwards.

Those attending have been asked to leave the first six rows of the church free for close family and friends.

Mr Murray passed away aged 70 at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, on January 19 following a battle with cancer.

He had opened Snoopy's – now Silks

– in 1972 and was still involved in the running of the business alongside his son Martin, while his other son Scott runs Bar Sport and The Premier Suite Lounge.

The club has been a staple part of the Cannock night scene ever since hosting huge acts, particularly in the 1970s and 1980s such as the Bay City Rollers.

It was also a popular go-to place for Wolves stars of the era including the likes of Andy Gray.

Reflecting on his father's legacy, Scott said: "He created a nightclub that has been going almost five decades, which

is incredible in the nightclub business.

"It is officially the longest running independent nightclub in the whole of the UK, owned by one person. He was very much an entrepreneur.

"I got my inspiration from my dad. When I was a kid, I grew up in the nightclub business and learned how to run the business.

"I went into sports but it gave me the inspiration to open up Bar Sport and to do what we do."

Scott said that Martin was planning a tribute night at Silks in memory of their father.

Customers face trek as post office shuts

A COMMUNITY post office has closed, meaning residents face having to travel more than a mile further to get to their nearest branch.

The outlet at Pye Green shut down on Saturday due to the resignation of the postmaster. The Post Office said the move was 'temporary' but also stated it is looking at establishing an 'alternative type of service'.

It means residents in the area will now have to travel to branches in Hednesford or Chads Moor – both more than a mile away.

Staffordshire County Councillor Bryan Jones, who represents the Hednesford and Rawsley division, said: "It is very sad because Pye Green has a lot of elderly people and a lot of bungalows.

"People are less mobile and now they will have to go to Hednesford which is the nearest.

"A lot of people cashed their pension there, I went in there myself because I live just around corner.

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"I know the Post Office is trying to promote it and get someone in but they are looking at maybe doing other things as well."

Mathew Wilkes, network operations manager for the Post Office, said: "The provision of a Post Office service to our customers in the local community is important to us, we will continue to work hard to restore services in the area as soon as possible. We would welcome any applications from potential retail partners interested in running Pye Green post office on our behalf.

"We are currently investigating the options available which will enable us to reinstate a post office service to the local community. In exploring this, it is important that any future service is sustainable for the person operating the service, and for Post Office Limited.

Anyone interested in running Pye Green post office should call the recruitment team on 0845 6016260.

Paloma to open concerts on the Chase



Paloma Faith performing at the Forest Live concerts on Cannock Chase in 2015

BRIT Awards nominee Paloma Faith will open this year's Forest Live concerts on Cannock Chase – her second appearance at the three-day music festival.

Her announcement completes the line-up for 2018.

She last appeared on the Chase three years ago. The hit maker,

whose singles include New York, Stone Cold Sober, Picking Up The Pieces and Changing, is riding high in the charts with her acclaimed number one album The Architect – her fourth studio production.

The 36-year-old, a previous judge on The Voice, will perform at Birches Valley on Friday, June

29. Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott perform on the Saturday and singer-songwriter George Ezra ends proceedings on Sunday, July 1.

Tickets for Paloma Faith are £43 plus a £4.80 booking fee, available at 9am tomorrow (Friday).

To book, call 03000 680400 or buy at forestry.gov.uk/music

Casualty cut free after three cars in collision



Emergency workers at the crash scene

THREE cars were involved in a crash which caused disruption for motorists.

The incident happened near the German War Cemetery on Cannock Chase at 6.20pm on Thursday.

Police were called to the junction of Broadhurst Bank Road and Penkridge Bank Road.

Three people suffered minor injuries, and one was cut free, but none of the casualties required hospital treatment.

West Midlands Ambulance Service confirmed an off-duty paramedic was the first on the scene.

Fire crews from Stafford and Cannock also attended.

Cannock police tweeted this picture of the scene which showed one of the cars badly damaged at the front.

Online surgery to tackle hate crime

STAFFORDSHIRE Police are holding an online surgery from 7pm today (Thursday) for residents who wish to discuss with officers issues and concerns about hate crime.

Hate crime covers offences that are directed at a person because of hostility or prejudice towards that person's disability, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

This online surgery will focus specifically on hate crime which is targeted at an individual's sexual orientation.

"We are hoping to hold further surgeries discussing other aspects of hate crime over the coming weeks," a police spokesman said.

Visit www.staffordshire.police.uk/hatecrime or use #staffspolicelivechat

Branch meeting

The Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Association hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 6, at 8pm in the Drill Hall (Army Reserve Centre) in Walsall Road, Bridgton, Sappers, past and present, are welcome to attend. Call 01543 423319 for further details.

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Survey into tax a waste of time say opposition

THE leader of the opposition group on Lichfield District Council has described the authority's consultation on its budget as no more than a 'token gesture'.

Labour councillor Sue Woodward, who represents Chase Terrace, claims that it has been 'a waste of time, effort and resources'.

The consultation ran from November 21 to December 22 and received 129 responses – 0.3 per cent of Lichfield District Council tax payers.

Cllr Woodward said: "I made the point that the consultation period was far too short and, in the run-up to Christmas, completely the wrong time to consult. Too little, too late and a waste of time, effort and resources."

"There is a duty on councils to consult residents on their spending and tax-raising plans but this was just a token gesture rather than a meaningful conversation with residents."

"None of the views of the hardy 129 residents who did take the time and trouble to respond seem to have been taken into account in this budget-making cycle either."

"People told Lichfield District Council how much they valued the green waste service and wanted to keep the current brown bin scheme."

"Well, just look what's happened there. We're now being charged for the privilege on top of a maximum allowable increase in council tax."

Plan to take post office on the road

THE Post Office is proposing to introduce a mobile service for 15 rural communities which do not have conventional branches.

A specially designed vehicle would provide a travelling post office in locations including Abbots Bromley, Whittington, and Hammerwich.

Network operations area manager Lesley McNally said: "Since the temporary closure of these rural branches we have continued to work to identify a solution to restore services to these local communities. The establishment of mobile services presents the best possible solution."

The Post Office is inviting customers and interested parties to comment in a six-week public consultation.

Visit postofficeviews.co.uk

Walking to hall

CHASE Ramblers are going on a nine-mile easy walk from Kingsbury to Middleton Hall this Sunday, meeting at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call 07456 598722. New walkers welcome.

Reducing your impact can begin at home

THINKING about the items and chemicals we use every day in our households can help us make choices which will help reduce our impact on the planet in a number of ways.

Many cleaning products we use in our home every day to clean our clothes or dishes, or washing our bodies, end up in our waste water and ultimately through the drains and sewers to rivers and oceans.

Detergents are all now biodegradable, though some may break down quicker than others, but they often contain chemicals which may cause problems.

TIP 1: Look for products with low impact chemicals or eco-rating. Whilst there are limited choices in high street supermarkets there are many more choices through specialist ethical superstores online.

In his second Green Living column, PAUL WOODHEAD takes a look at the subject of household goods



This does require a little planning ahead and price comparison but you can find alternatives.

TIP 2: Buy bulk. With most household goods we use the same product week-in, week-out and larger quantities can make the economic choice of buying eco much more affordable and whether it is washing powder purchased in 12.5kg boxes or shampoo bought in a 5ltr tub make the prices comparable and use less packaging per purchase.

TIP 3: Look for products made from sustaina-

ble or recycled materials. Have a toothbrush made from bamboo or a razor which is made from recycled plastic.

TIP 4: Consider those "Old-Wives-Tales", the cleaning solutions that your gran always used with a little elbow grease. Whether that is using vinegar to clean windows and mirrors or bicarbonate of soda as a good general purpose cleaner.

TIP 5: Do less cleaning! There are concerns that overuse of anti-bacterial and anti-microbial agents may be counter-productive, leading to the evolution of resistant bacteria and microbes.

If you have tips for sustainable living please get in touch and we will share them in a future article.

Work to start on £15m retail centre in weeks

WORK is to begin within weeks on a much-anticipated £15 million retail development in the heart of Burntwood.

Commercial property and investment company LCP, has been given the go-ahead to develop the site of the former Olaf Johnson factory site in Cannock Road.

Nick Burgess, managing director of LCP, which is based in Pensnett, near Dudley, said he was pleased that it could begin work on developing the 68,000 sq ft retail park, comprising a minimum of nine units and a drive-through along with about 300 car parking spaces.

"Putting these long-awaited plans into action signifies a very exciting start to 2018," he said.

"We are looking forward to starting construction of this scheme, which will be a real boost for the Burntwood community and a significant investment for LCP."

Completion

"We've worked very closely with Lichfield District Council, Staffordshire County Council and Burntwood Town Council to ensure our plans match their vision for a retail scheme that adds to the town's vibrancy and now we are looking forward to seeing the diggers on site."

Work is expected to start this month, with an anticipated completion date at the end of 2019. No anchor tenants have yet been confirmed but talks are at 'an advanced stage' with a number of parties.

Mr Burgess said building work will not affect residents on the nearby Chase Terrace housing development because access roads are already in place.

Councillor Ian Pritchard, Lichfield District Council's cabinet member for economic growth, environment and development services, said: "This development will make such a difference to Burntwood."

Councillor Doug Pullen, leader of Burntwood Town Council, said: "This is a significant investment in Burntwood by LCP which demonstrates their confidence in our town. There has been a huge amount of effort involved in getting this development up and running and I am extremely grateful to all those involved thus far."

"The additional retail and employment opportunities will be a boon for Burntwood and its residents – we look forward to work starting soon."



On site – from left, Councillors Helen Fisher, Iain Pritchard, and Heather Tranter, Richard King of Lichfield District Council, Councillor Doug Pullen, Nick Burgess of LCP, Councillors Mike Wilcox and Diane Evans, Chris Mason from Mason Partners, Councillor Sue Woodward, and Matthew Pegg of LCP

Demand sees artist launch another class

A PROFESSIONAL artist and tutor has launched a new art class in Burntwood.

Mark Lippett currently runs a session at Burntwood Library, in Bridge Cross Road, on Monday mornings.

And such has been the success of the venture, he has decided to

add another class on Thursday mornings, starting on March 8.

Mr Lippett teaches a range of drawing and painting techniques for people of all abilities.

The award-winning artist, from Stafford, who has exhibited his work across the UK, is known for his urban landscapes and at-

mospheric woodland paintings. He has also received high praise for his architectural work, which depicts abandoned buildings, as well as building up a reputation as a successful art tutor.

To join one of the classes, email marklippett@hotmail.co.uk or call 07904 655149.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Self storage firm bought by a rival

A CANNOCK self storage business has been bought by a rival.

South Wales-based Storage Giant has added Your Self Store in Hyssop Close to its network.

Storage Giant Cannock now provides 32,000 sq ft of lettable storage space in 279 units ranging from 75 sq ft to 200 sq ft.

Storage Giant, which has its head office in Newport, now has 11 branches in Wales and England and is the third largest private self storage company in the UK and the fifth largest overall. Cannock is the fourth self storage location it has bought in the past 12 months.

Choir urgently needs director

MIXED-VOICE choir Bloxwich Community Chorus, which has a history of more than 32 years, is desperately seeking to appoint a musical director.

The group, with a membership of more than 40 singers, needs to recruit a suitable conductor in the next few weeks to ensure its future.

Bloxwich Community Chorus is based at St John's Methodist Church, in Victoria Avenue, where it performs a variety of musical pieces in two or three concerts each year. Anyone interested can contact secretary Marion Malaband on 01922 458637.

Site to stage Paws for Remembrance

HUNDREDS of dogs and their owners will meet at a Staffordshire visitor centre for a canine gathering.

The annual Paws for Remembrance event at the National Memorial Arboretum opens up parts of the site normally closed to dogs. A 5km walking route is available between 9am and 3pm on February 11.

Volunteers will be available to provide information about the Arboretum and the memorials encountered during the walk. To sign up for Paws for Remembrance, call 01283 245 100 or book a place online.

Two garages are targeted in raids

TWO garage businesses were broken into in the same night.

Staffordshire Police said that between Thursday night and Friday morning Jubilee Garage on Watling Street, Norton Canes, was raided with two suspects witnessed fleeing the rear of the premises as officers arrived on the scene.

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Flu vaccine for Australian strain

HEALTH experts have insisted it is not too late to get vaccinated against Aussie flu, amid a rise in UK cases.

Dr Helen Hibbs, from the Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group, said the jab had proved effective against the strain of flu – and said people should take measures to protect themselves. Aussie flu has made headlines in recent weeks following reports of cases across the country.

Dr Hibbs said: "This particularly nasty strain of flu shows just how severe flu can be. The good news is that the flu vaccine is effective against the Australian flu and it is still not too late for people to get protected."

University signs up for project

A MIDLANDS university has signed up to a Government initiative aimed at getting young people from poorer backgrounds into higher education.

Newman University in Birmingham is part of the National Collaborative Outreach Project (NCOP), which is tasked with increasing numbers at university from disadvantaged families.

The university has a dedicated NCOP team who work with schools and colleges in the area.

Former Newman student Lewis Hickman, from Bartley Green, returned to the university to work on the project.

Mecca marking Macarena's 25th

BINGO lovers are being called on to pull their best 90s dance moves.

Bilston's Mecca is looking for people to flaunt their moves to throwback hit Macarena for the chance to grab a £1,000 holiday. It comes as the bingo hall, based at Spring Vale Retail Park, celebrates 25 years of Los Del Rio's one-hit wonder.

Dance videos need to be uploaded to the Bilston branch's Facebook on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 01902 405065.

Home unveils its £2m extension

A CARE home has unveiled its new £2 million extension. Beech Hill Grange, in Sutton Coldfield, provides nursing and dementia care.

The service has now doubled its footprint with the expansion, increasing its capacity to 75 rooms.

The extension also includes a new piano lounge and sitting room. There is also a private dining room and a hair salon.

Superfast expansion to rural areas

THE Superfast Staffordshire partnership has announced an expansion to serve more of the county's smallest, most remote communities.

The latest communities to benefit include Blithbury, Brereton Cross, Brocton, Clifford's Wood, Copmere End, Morston Court and Wetwood, where the technology has become available for the first time, as well as Alrewas, Derrington and Essington.

Superfast Staffordshire is part of the Government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) programme, which itself has achieved a nationwide target of making superfast broadband available to 95 per cent of premises.

In Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, the 95 per cent target was reached in November.

Superfast Staffordshire is being spearheaded by Staffordshire County

Council and BT. Councillor Mark Winnington, the county council's economic growth leader, said: "We are determined to continue our drive to enable remaining properties to get connected. We're using a combination of technologies and co-funding solutions to ensure even residents and businesses in the smallest, most remote parts of our county have access to this essential technology."

So far, Superfast Staffordshire has enabled around 75,000 households and businesses to connect to superfast broadband speeds.

The figure rises to more than 478,000 when combined with commercial fibre roll-outs by private sector businesses, such as Openreach.

To follow the progress of the roll-out visit www.superfaststaffordshire.co.uk and Twitter @superfaststaffs

Householders facing £80 council tax rise

By Carl Jackson

COUNCIL tax bills are set to soar from April after three more Staffordshire authorities announced plans to increase their slice of the pie.

Staffordshire County Council, Cannock Chase Council and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service have all signalled their intent to raise their precepts – following in the footsteps of Staffordshire Police.

Residents will be hit hardest by the county council's proposal to increase its share by 5.95 per cent, which will see those in a Band D property pay £68 more a year. Three per cent of the increase is ring-fenced for social care as permitted by the Government.

But the authority has said it will mean investing a record £310 million in social care and spending £5m tackling potholes. The cabinet will meet today (Thursday) to approve putting the increase before the full council.

Extra

Meanwhile, last Thursday Cannock Chase Council's cabinet progressed an increase of 1.95 per cent – £4.07 more for Band D – which will be put to a full member vote this month. And Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority has been recommended to raise their precept by either 2.75 per cent or 2.99 per cent in February – both will mean another £2 or so on the Band D bill.

This, combined with the £11.40 extra incurred by the police's 6.29 per cent rise which was rubber-stamped on Monday, means many residents face paying £80-plus more in 2018-19.

County council leader Philip Atkins said: "As a local authority we cannot spend more money than we have coming in." John O'Connell, of the Tax-Payers' Alliance, said: "Councillors should remember that council tax is a major burden on residents."

Museum's £35,000 to bus in more visitors



Aston Transport Museum chairman Martin Fisher promoting the Buses By Night event

A £35,000 grant has been secured to drive up visitor numbers at a 'struggling' museum during the run-up to its 40th year.

The money was awarded to the Aston Manor Road Transport Museum, in Aldridge, from the Heritage Lottery Fund. It will be used to hire a professional to look at encouraging more visitors to enjoy what the attraction has to offer as part of a 10-month project.

The museum costs £50,000 to run each year and most of its funding comes through ticket sales.

The team will look at how to raise more money for projects involving technology and engineering, with the

aim of attracting younger visitors and schools to enjoy the vintage vehicles.

They are also looking at recruiting more volunteers to help improve the way the museum is run.

Anyone interested in taking up such a role has been asked to get in contact. Martin Fisher, chairman of the museum trust, said: "This grant will help us consider the future and make some changes that will help strengthen what we can offer visitors."

A series of events are being held in the coming months to boost visitor numbers including Buses By Night on February 17. Call 01922 454761 or visit amrtm.org

Home share pilot scheme has backing of council

COUNCILLORS have given their backing to a pilot shared accommodation scheme in Cannock Chase.

The project will see a small number of two or three bedroomed council flats, no longer required by families, offered for flat share accommodation. The accommodation will be restricted to single people, under the age of 35, who have no dependants and are willing to share. A registered provider will be appointed, who will be responsible for managing the property and providing support to the tenants.

Housing portfolio leader Councillor Frank Allen said: "Government changes to welfare reform have had a significant impact on single people under the age of 35, who now only receive the shared room rate under the local housing allowance. However, there is a limited amount of supported shared accommodation available in the Cannock Chase area."

"We hope the introduction of the pilot project will help to alleviate this problem."

Cannock Chase Council has a stock of two and three bedroom flats which have previously been let to families, but only a small stock of one-bedroom flats. With a waiting list of 191, single people under 35 have limited housing options.

It is anticipated that the registered provider will be appointed by April and the pilot project will start in June. The project will be reviewed after 12 months, after which, if successful, will be extended to a further five properties.

Housing applications from single people can be made via <https://online.cannockchasehousing.co.uk>

MP in tribute to Holocaust victims

CANNOCK Chase MP Amanda Milling has signed the Holocaust Educational Trust's Book of Commitment.

In doing so, she pledged her commitment to Holocaust Memorial Day and honoured those who were murdered during the atrocity.

Holocaust as well as paying tribute to the extraordinary Holocaust survivors who work tirelessly to educate young people today.

"Holocaust Memorial Day is an important opportunity for people from Cannock Chase and across the country to reflect on the tragic events of the Holocaust," Ms Milling said.

"As the Holocaust moves from living history, to just history, it becomes ever more important that we take the time to remember the victims and also pay tribute to the survivors."

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Revamped centre 'will offer unique experience'

PLANS to give Chase Leisure Centre a £500,000-plus revamp have been approved by leading councillors.

The makeover will include refurbishing the gym and converting the bowling green into a 'virtual' cycling studio. The investment by Cannock Chase Council's leisure partner Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles (IHL) is estimated to be £522,000 and was agreed by the cabinet on Thursday.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, portfolio leader for culture and sport, said: "I am very excited about the changes planned for Chase Leisure Centre."

"The improvements will create a unique fitness experience."

"The indoor cycling studio will provide an exhilarating sensory experience combined with a cycling workout. These planned improvements are unique for the area and a great addition to what are already excellent facilities at Chase Leisure Centre."

Bosses say the move will deliver savings to the council of 'at least £50,000 per annum'.

Now that approval has been given, IHL will further develop its proposals.

IHL managing director Pete Burt said: "We'll consult and communicate with customers and clubs who use the facility at every stage of this development." All improvements will be in place by April 2019 and any work will be carried out around activities at the centre to minimise any disruption.

Families have say on milk allergy

HEALTH chiefs want to hear views on a proposal that will affect families with babies who are not breastfed but have cow's milk protein allergy (CMPA).

Currently the NHS in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent spends around £1 million per year on prescriptions for infant formula milk that does not contain cow's milk protein, benefiting about 1,000 infants with the allergy who are not breastfed.

As the cost of infant formula milk for a child with CMPA is considerably higher than that of regular formula, the new proposal is to subsidise the cost of CMPA infant formula milk through vouchers issued by GPs.

To have a say go to: <https://tinyurl.com/CMPAPubSurJan18>

RAFA set to meet

THE Cannock Chase (573) branch of the Royal Air Forces Association will hold its first members' meeting of the year at the Ex-service Club in Walsall Road, Cannock, at 1pm on Saturday. The committee will meet at midday.

Award named after campaigner Jill



Jill Saward - gave annual lecture

A UNIVERSITY students' award has been named after sex attack victim campaigner Jill Saward.

Coventry University's Jill Saward Award goes to the forensic investigation student who makes the biggest impact outside the campus.

Ms Saward, who lived in Hednesford, gave an annual lecture at the university.

She was the first sex victim to waive her right to anonymity, before fighting tirelessly to help fellow victims of sex attacks.

Sadly, she died last year, aged 51.

Hundreds of people turned out for her funeral at Lichfield Cathedral.

Since then, more than £20,000 has been raised in her name, and will be used by the family to set up a new charity.

Contacted

Widower Gavin Drake, who has now moved to London, hopes to also reissue her book Rape: My Story with added chapters. It was first published in 1990.

Mr Drake said: "The university contacted me to say they wanted to

name an award for the forensic investigation course in her name, since she gave an annual lecture to the students.

"I then had the privilege to provide the award at the graduation in October."

"It is a huge honour," Mr Drake added.

"I hope it will mean her work will live on and it will raise awareness for the needs of sex attack victims."

Ms Saward was raped by a gang of intruders at a vicarage in Ealing in 1986.

Robbers are locked up for grabbing necklaces

TWO robbers who targeted six vulnerable women in two hours by violently ripping jewellery from their necks have been locked up.

One of the victims was a blind 68-year-old who was robbed of a present from her late husband as she sat at a veterinary practice.

She suffered a heart attack and spent 36 hours in hospital recovering from the ordeal.

Joshua Bluck and Cameron Ball were sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court by Judge Barry Berlin, who described their crimes as 'utterly sickening'.

Bluck drove a blue Audi A3, spotting the victims, while Ball carried out the robberies, in Burntwood, Cannock, Lichfield and Walsall.

Judge Berlin, sentencing Bluck to 12 years in prison and Ball to seven years in a young offenders institute, said: "You both attacked these women to feed your greed and did not care about the hurt and misery."

Targeted

Ms Elizabeth Power, prosecuting, said the crimes on September 29, 2016, began shortly before 1pm when a 77-year-old victim, had her necklace stolen while walking in Myatt Avenue, Burntwood. At 1.25pm, in Upper John Street, Lichfield, a necklace worth £420 was ripped from a 56-year-old walking alone on her lunch break. At 2.25pm, the pair targeted a 70-year-old woman on a mobility scooter in Norton East Road, Norton Canes. Later, in Walsall Wood, a 65-year-old had a necklace worth £200 ripped off her. Afterwards, the 68-year-old blind woman, was attacked as she took her dog to First Vets in Aldridge.

Five minutes later, in Barns Lane, Rushall, a 56-year-old was robbed of her necklace.

Ball, 18, of Green Rock Lane, Walsall, admitted six counts of robbery. Bluck, 25, of Peolsford Road, Pelsall, was found guilty by a jury of the same charges. Mr Oliver Woolhouse, for Ball, said it was too early to say his client was a lost cause. Mr Andrew Wilkins, for Bluck, said his client suffered a condition which means 'his mind does not work in the same way as others'.

Bluck also pleaded guilty to breaching a suspended sentence.

Banking on help for little Henry



The family of Henry Gibbs busy fundraising in Stafford to raise money to help treat his cerebral palsy

HUNDREDS of pounds have been raised to help a three-year-old boy with cerebral palsy take his first steps.

Henry Gibbs's parents Kerrie and Jacob were fundraising outside the Stafford branch of Santander which pledged to match-fund their total.

The collection came to over £450 meaning a total of around £900 was contributed to the Stop Being Tight campaign, which aims to raise £50,000 to fight the muscle tightness caused by cerebral palsy so walking is possible.

Staff from Santander approached

the family in their search for a charity to support and pledged to help with any events they are holding by raising awareness and selling wristbands.

Mrs Gibbs, aged 30, from Stafford said: "It is absolutely fantastic they asked us to go in and we were not expecting as much of a response as we got."

They have raised £36,000 since July last year and are continuing to bring in the money through various events including a charity ball on March 3 at Tillington Hall.



Henry Gibbs

NEWS IN BRIEF

Witness appeal over 'touching'

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following reports of a man 'touching himself inappropriately' at the Tackeroo fishing pools near Brindley Heath Road.

He is described as black, in his mid-30s, stocky and about 6ft 2in and was wearing a dark Nike tracksuit, blue trainers and a beanie hat.

He was last seen going towards Nine Gates car park.

Sgt Darren Mattocks said: "We'd like to reassure local residents that this is an isolated incident."

"If anyone has any information please call us on 101 quoting incident number 527 of 22 January."

Change to 'safe and well' visits

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service will identify the most vulnerable people in the community by changing 'safe and well' visits.

From February 12, only certain members of the community will qualify for a safe and well visit from the the Community Advice Team (CAT).

The only people who qualify for a visit are couples aged 85 and over, single occupiers aged 66 and over, anyone with alcohol dependency, single parents, couples with young children and anyone whose property is at immediate risk of arson or has had a fire.

Crimes can be reported online

BUSINESS crimes can now be reported to Staffordshire Police online, to save officers time.

Businesses in the county can report crimes, including shoplifting or driving away without paying, via the police website, and officers will get in touch to take statements over the phone while evidence, including CCTV, can be uploaded online.

Lisa Cope, head of contact services, said: "We're working hard to transform our services for the future."

Crimes can be reported at www.staffordshire.police.uk/reportit

Afternoon tea set to boost church appeal

BETHEL Methodist Church in Bridgton is holding a Dignity Afternoon Tea as part of a fundraising campaign for Phase 2 of its renovation project.

The event is on February 10 from 1pm to 3pm and tickets are £3 to include afternoon tea and a sing-along.

Proceeds will be split between the renovation fund and the National Dignity Council. The event marks Dignity in Action Day, which is being celebrated nationally today (Thursday).

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Rich list? That could refer to me – and you

A STUDY by Oxfam, which claims that the richest one per cent of the world owns 82 per cent of the world's resources, has sparked a predictable outcry on social media.

"The greedy rich should pay more tax to help the poor and downtrodden" seems to be the upshot of it, and certainly when confronted with such stark figures it seems hard to disagree.

I do wonder, though, whether the professional malcontents busy working themselves into such a fury have actually paused to think about just who the richest one per cent of the population are.

No doubt images of Sir Philip Green, polishing his medallion while soaking up the sun on his private yacht, spring to mind. Or perhaps Sir Richard Branson on his private island, and a grouchy Lord Sugar barking orders at his underlings from his raised chair in the boardroom.

And of course, no list of wealthy pantomime villains would be complete without special mention of Rupert Murdoch, who seems to be to blame for most things these days.

And yes, all of these fall into the richest one per cent, but they are not alone. According to the Global Rich List, which defines such things, anybody earning more than £22,706 a year is in the richest one per cent. I wonder how many of the people angrily pointing the finger at the "greedy rich" realise that they too are members of that exclusive club?

More to the point, how many of these members of the richest one per cent, particularly those who work in the public sector, have been on protest marches demanding an end to "austerity", and an inflation-busting pay rise?

If the Oxfam report tells us anything, it is that most people in this country are pretty well-off, and maybe a little less moaning wouldn't go amiss when there are so many people in the world who really do have something to complain about.

By the way, the chief executive of Oxfam earned £127,753 last year.

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INTERESTINGLY, the Oxfam report also coincides with a new report by the Rowntree Foundation which says more than half of children in London and Birmingham are living in poverty.

The study defines poverty as having an income, after housing costs, of less than £248 a week, which is a little confusing.

Given the stratospheric cost of housing at the moment, particularly in London, how many of these supposedly impoverished households are also in the richest one per cent of the world?

Clapping at end of Churchill film – and why not?



Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill in the film *Darkest Hour*



Lord Jim O'Neill now believes booming global trade will "dwarf" Brexit ill effects



Prince William 'laughed off' suggestions he paid £180 for his new shaven-headed look

Patriotic nation is entitled to applaud

A READER contacts me with yet another report of a cinema audience applauding at the end of *Darkest Hour* starring Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill. I'm not surprised. These are self-selecting audiences with a pro-Churchill bias and, having heard of the reactions elsewhere, they are primed to clap.

BUT there's surely more to it than that. Britain is just about the only European country proud of its part in the 20th century. And despite half-a-century of post-imperial breast-beating and institutionalised shame, we are, in the main, a patriotic and sentimental nation. We saved the world. We are entitled to clap a little.

JUST as global warming may be cooled by a coming mini-ice age, so Brexit may be mollified by a general improvement in world trade. So says the former treasury minister and Remainer Lord Jim O'Neill. He now believes that booming global trade will "dwarf" any ill effects caused by leaving the EU. In other words, after all the froth and fury, we may hardly notice any difference. The millennium bug revisited.

PRINCE William has 'laughed off' suggestions that he paid £180 for his new shaven-headed look. This is only a theory but I'd be surprised if he paid anything. His wife's hair stylist apparently went to Kensington Palace to give HRH the razor-cut treatment. The stylist is probably well-pleased with all the publicity and would not dream of sending a bill.

IN case William is remotely interested, in real life, for a Number 3 cut which is not quite so brutal as his, I pay £5 (admittedly with the Nearest My God To Thee discount).

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



SOCIAL media ought to come with a warning: "Signing up to this will ruin your entire life." Latest victim is Amina Khan, L'Oreal's hijab-wearing model who has resigned after somebody uncovered anti-Israel tweets she posted three years ago. How long will it be before nobody on social media will be able to do anything in the public eye because of their hasty opinions of yore?

A FORMER SAS soldier who took part in the 1980 Iranian Embassy siege is homeless and unable to get a council house. In contrast, one of the embassy terrorists, released from jail after 28 years, is said to be living rent-free in London. Surprised? Me neither. It is 100 years since the prime minister Lloyd George promised "homes fit for heroes." It was a lie then and it's a lie now.

THE Church of England is a broad church with half a millennium's worth of prayers and liturgy to cover every aspect of human life. This probably explains why its House of Bishops has decided there's no need to create a new form of service to welcome transgender worshippers: the baptismal service can be adapted. But I bet the bishops considered not only the theology but the maths. According to official statistics, no more than six out of every 1,000 Brits are transgender. No more than 20 in every 1,000 Brits are regular churchgoers. So the number of transgender people wanting a new form of service is vanishingly small, especially when you divide it among England's 10,449

church parishes. And yet who would put money on the bishops' decision being the end of it? The campaigning group OneBodyOneFaith has already accused the bishops of "kicking trans people into the long grass" and the lesson of the Church's recent history is that once it is accused of kicking anybody, the only option is a meek apology and surrender.

OUR changing language. According to police, a gang of violent burglars in the Black Country "scope areas for homes that could be potential targets." Scope? The trouble with this word is not that it means nothing but that it can mean several things. You can scope a property using binoculars but you can also scope it through online research. Joe Public, on being warned of "scoping," may start keeping an eye peeled for dodgy-looking blokes with field glasses when he should be removing images of his possessions from Facebook.

MIND you, if I were in charge, burglary would vanish overnight. This is because I'd have serial burglars taken into a field and shot. Why? Because they are the lowest of the low. They are worse than most murderers (who usually kill in a moment of passion) and worse than many paedophiles (who clearly have mental problems). What is more, there is hard evidence that serial burglars kill people. Home Office figures show that old people who have been burgled are much more likely to die sooner than others of similar age. At best, being burgled causes long-lasting trauma. At worst, it shortens your life. Yet police forces everywhere increasingly treat it as a minor crime and when I suggest executing serial burglars, people think I'm joking. Absolutely not.

TALKING POINT



Cashing in on the sick with fines for parking

PARKING fines and charges have been in the news lately. Recently, The Chronicle revealed that hospital trusts were making thousands from charging staff and visitors to park, with Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, for example, raking in £1.1m.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust made £2.4m and Dudley Group NHS Trust profited to the tune of £471,000, although most of that revenue was taken by a private finance initiative firm.

Add the £2.3m made by the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and you can see why the chief executive of the Patients' Association Rachel Power claims the charges equate to being penalised for being ill.

Spare a thought in particular for the heroic, overworked and under-paid employees within our crumbling NHS, who deserve a bigger wage packet, yet find most of their already hard-earned cash spent on the privilege of going to work and potentially saving someone else's life.

Away from hospitals, it was reported that, to Walsall Council alone, more than £1,000 a day was being paid every day in parking penalties.

One Liberal Democrat campaigner said drivers were being treated as cash cows. And, after an experience that happened to myself, I can only concur.

You see, I was given a penalty charge notice half an hour before my time in a car park had elapsed.

How can this be? It appears that our 'crime' was to top-up the two hours we had already paid for, thus spending more than the allocated time in said car park. I have paid the fine – £25, but doubling to a barely affordable £50 if not settled within 14 days. But I have also exercised our right to appeal.

It does beg the question of how many other unsuspecting motorists – simply in the wrong place at the wrong time – have been caught this way. On only our second visit to the town in question, we were oblivious to the regulations and not aware of any advisory signs, so hopefully common sense will prevail.

However, it is galling that there are people out there who knowingly disregard the law and even ignore any punishment that comes their way.

Campaigners claim payments are just another way of making money from hard-working people, while authorities argue that income generated from parking fines is ploughed back into our highways and making them safer.

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Scout group celebrate £500 boost for base



From left, Group Scout Leader Mick Powell with youngsters from the 1st Cheslyn Hay Scout Group and Sheena Hawkins, a member of Midland Expressway's social committee

A SCOUT group have been handed a £500 boost to buy a storage container for their outdoor equipment.

The donation came from M6 Toll operator Midland Expressway Ltd as part of its initiative to support local schools and community projects.

The 1st Cheslyn Hay Scout Group was founded in 1969 by Alan Carvey, who was once in the Scouts himself

and decided that he wanted to give the village's youngsters the same opportunities he had.

Currently, the group has more than 40 members belonging to the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers sections, ranging in age from six to 18.

The group is run by a Group Scout Leader, 12 Group Leaders and 4 executive members, who all give their own time for no financial reward.

The group is located in a purpose-built brick-built hut after the previous wooden one was destroyed in

a fire. The facility is also used by the Girl Guides and St Marks pre-school playgroup.

Bob Massey, chair of the Scout group, said: "1st Cheslyn Hay Scout Group has been running for 50 years, and storage has always been a massive issue for the group."

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Thinking of pen friend

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I tried phoning and all I got was 'not recognised'. I just want to know what has happened. My email address is bettysanderson33@gmail.com

MRS B SANDERSON
Sheffield

Does anyone recall Charles?

DOES anyone recall Charles Higgs, a Warrant Officer in the wartime RAF?

He was an old boy of my school and I would like to write a magazine item about him. Call 01562 745429 or email carolann@tiscali.co.uk

BRIAN GITTINS
Kidderminster

Move to electric cars lacks direction

THE recent news item about the Government suggesting electric cars are the answer would be laughable if it was not so tragic.

Personally, I do not believe all the hype about global warming, the climate of this planet has always been changing, sometimes quite quickly.

Of course there is more CO₂, the world population is greater than it has

ever been, but no-one suggests cutting the global population.

Manufacturing everything in Asia and then shipping it across the world adds to the global pollution but the economists tell us not to worry as it is cheap. Wasteful HS2 will see all the meaningful jobs moved to London, along with the destruction of thousands of acres of countryside. Mass use

of electric battery vehicles would pose a massive problem, they are impractical for long distance. Recently one manufacturer claimed to have resolved the problem and said they could now do 100 miles on a single charge.

Hardly practical if travelling from Devon or the Midlands to Scotland.

MR M FAWDREY
Hednesford

We're proof of how to stay healthy

I WONDER if LDT (they're obviously too cowardly to give their real name) would like to come to our over-60s club any Wednesday afternoon ("Here's how to ease the pressure on NHS", Chronicle Letters, January 18).

Then he, or she, can decide which one of us is eligible for a lethal injection!

I am 73 years of age and fortunately use the NHS very little.

I don't smoke, drink, take drugs, or nor am I an immigrant.

I have been offered a flu vaccine and also a pneumonia injection, both of which I have refused.

So far, my invitation to receive a lethal injection has not arrived.

VERONICA TAYLOR
Cannock

Hospital care was not acceptable standard

I IMAGINE we all want the NHS to be maintained and funded adequately and to know our loved ones are being cared for by the staff, as if it was one of their own relations.

Sadly, during the mid-2000s, that was not the case as I have had the unfortunate experience to witness the deaths of three very close relations in three separate hospitals, one being Stafford. My wife and I have used all three hospitals and noticed the transformation of care. My whole family can bear witness to these past claims.

MR A ALLPORT
Huntington

We're always told what to say

I THINK we have been living in a bubble. There are people out there suddenly reminding us about gender. Don't call a class of girls, girls, it might offend someone.

Is it only me but every week a new subject arises where we are told that we are not treating people or acting correctly. Certain people who have the ear of the media must sit and think of the next subject they can chastise us with.

ROGER ALLEN
Great Wyrley

NHS trust budget sends chill warning

SO the UHNM health trust is four times over its winter budget half way through January. Maybe next winter they can employ someone who knows what they're doing.

PATRICK MORGAN, Hednesford

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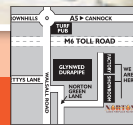
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Shareshill WI

WISHING everyone a Happy New Year, president Margaret Beddard welcomed members to the first meeting of 2018. Em Barker was thanked for making the Christmas party a success.

Shareshill will be hosting the Heathside Group spring meeting on March 1. Derek Poulson's talk will be on "It ain't what you say but the way that you say it".

A concert by Cannock Orpheus Male Voice Choir is being held at 7.30pm in Shareshill Church on Saturday to mark the retirement of Rev Sara Bowie; the Spring Council Meeting at is Stafford on March 20 and tickets are available for a fashion evening on April 12.

Secretary Sue Davidson brought everyone up to date with county news. Details of the five proposed resolutions for this year's National AGM were displayed. The rest of the evening took up Shareshill WI's version of 'Duke of Edinburgh Awards' with four teams competing in categories of skills, physical recreation, adventure and residential.

Using the equipment and items provided each team had to make two pompons; prepare for hospital a badminton player who had been hit in the eye, sprained an ankle and possibly dislocated an arm; perform tasks using maps and compasses and erect a tent and create a den with blankets provided.

All tasks were fulfilled and teams were rewarded with Golds, and cups of tea.

Members gather to mark Burns Night



President Val Jones, members and friends celebrate Burns Night

PRESIDENT Val Jones is proud of her Scottish heritage and invited members and friends to celebrate this with her at a Burns Night.

The evening was well attended with everyone making a particular effort to support Val by wearing something tartan – whether clothing, a sash or a ribbon. Some even managed to locate white heather or the purple thistle. The tables were decorated with tartan ribbons to continue the celebration.

Val performed the Selkirk Grace and the "Address To The Haggis" in true Scots style before everyone enjoyed a meal which included the choice of haggis, Scottish beef or

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salmon followed by traditional Scottish desserts, all prepared and served wonderfully by staff at the Barns Hotel.

After the meal president Val ensured that everyone could toast the Queen with 'a wee dram o' whisky'; she then invited Soroptimist Trish Mellor to read one of Robbie Burns' most famous poems "A Red, Red Rose", a very romantic poem written by Burns in 1794, just two years before his death at the age of 37 – in that short life he had 13 children: nine of them with his wife.

Certificates for long service

THREE club members have been honoured for their long service. Collectively, past president Maurice Partridge, David Linford and Trevor Whitehouse have served 145 years.

Maurice is the longest serving member having

Cannock Rotary Club

joined in 1963, was awarded a certificate in recognition of his 55 years' service. He was president in 1982 and has also received the highest honour awarded by Rotary

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David has also been honoured for his 55 years, while Trevor joined in 1983 and was recognised for his 35-year contribution.

President Cliff Shore made the presentations.

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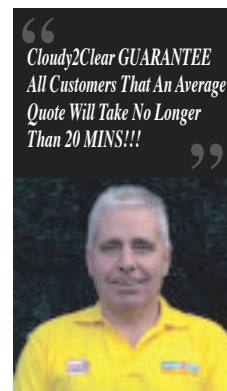
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Schools will strive to improve, vows chief

SCHOOLS in Staffordshire will continue to rise to the challenge of attaining higher standards in GCSEs, the county's education chief has pledged.

It came as new GCSE result statistics were revealed by the Department for Education. Instead of being graded A*-G, pupils are now being graded 9 to 1 in English Language, English Literature and maths, with a grade 5 as the benchmark.

The proportion of pupils in Staffordshire who have achieved a level 9-5 pass in English and maths is 39.3 per cent, compared with 39.6 per cent nationally.

The average Attainment 8 score in Staffordshire is 44.9 compared with the average national score of 44.6. Attainment 8 is a new performance measure, which measures a pupil's average grade across eight GCSE subjects.

Fallen

Councillor Philip White, cabinet support member for learning and skills on Staffordshire County Council, said: "The new higher standards at GCSE level have really tested schools and students, and I think this is reflected in the results on both a local and national level. This is only the first year of the new exams, and it will take time for the new standards to bed in."

Meanwhile, figures from the Department for Education show that 11 secondary schools in Staffordshire and the Black Country were found to be under-performing in 2017 having fallen below the Government's threshold.

This means pupils are failing to make enough progress across eight subjects.

Schools failing to meet the floor standards include Norton Canes High School, The Holly Hall Academy in Dudley, Holy Trinity School in Kidderminster, the ACE Academy in Tipton, Walsall Studio School and Brownhills School.

New range brings jobs joy



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THE first of a range of new JCB site dumpers, including a high-visibility model, are rolling off the world headquarters production line.

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Lichfield Garrick staff with Philippa Grady and Lesley Holmes from St Giles Hospice Picture: Jono Oates

THE Lichfield Garrick and St Giles Hospice have been delighted to announce that a total of £11,596 was collected after performances of Aladdin and Crimes on the Christmas Express – smashing last year's record £8318.16.

The monies will be split equally between the theatre and hospice to help support their work in the local community.

Both The Lichfield Garrick, which operates as a charitable trust, and, St Giles Hospice which mentioned on stage in each performance by the cast members to help raise public

awareness. Front of house staff and cast members collected donations throughout the theatre after the shows finished.

Karen Foster, the Lichfield Garrick's executive director, said: "The donations given by our very generous patrons will be used to support our work in education and community projects." Lesley Holmes, lottery development manager at the hospice, said: "We are delighted by the incredible amount raised by the Lichfield Garrick and the generosity shown by their patrons."

Centre seeks good causes

CANNOCK Shopping Centre is on a quest to find three local charities to support in summer, autumn and winter.

Last year the centre worked with one charity partner, Age UK South Staffordshire, but is hoping to help make an even bigger difference to the local community in 2018 by expanding to three partners.

The charities will be able to run

events and raise funds within the centre, accessing the high volume of shoppers who visit every week.

All money raised will go directly to the partner – an enticing offer for charities to make a big difference for their 2018 fundraising efforts.

Three charities will be selected, with a dedicated summer, autumn and winter partnership.

Centre manager Susi McCarthy said: "We are excited to be expanding

our horizons and offer a partnership to not one, but three, local charities this year.

"Helping raise money for a local cause is something we are very passionate about in the centre and look forward to seeing what charities come up with for working with us."

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Yobs and burglars send crime figures soaring

CRIME has gone up in Staffordshire, according to latest figures, with anti-social behaviour and home burglaries on the rise.

Staffordshire Police recorded 82,767 crimes in the year up to September 2017 – up 13 per cent from the previous 12 months. Among the figures were five murders.

There were also 3,694 domestic burglaries (up 35 per cent), 6,756 cases of harassment and stalking (up 32 per cent) and 28,398 incidents of violence against a person (up 14 per cent).

Officers also dealt with 30,217 theft offences, (up 13 per cent) and 4,345 public order offences (up 45 per cent). Across England and Wales, recorded crime went up 15 per cent, according to the figures released by the Office of National Statistics.

Deputy Chief Constable Nick Baker said the increase in crime in the county was in line with the national picture.

Violent

"There has been an increase in violent crime and acquisitive crime, with much of this attributed to minor theft," he said.

"However, our local policing teams are working hard to tackle the number of domestic burglaries and car crimes in the county. In recent months, offenders have received lengthy jail terms for car crime, drugs offences and violent crime in Staffordshire following arrests and evidence gathered by our officers.

"We have also brought offenders before the courts for offences including robbery, rape and modern slavery in recent weeks."

The force also saw an increase in sexual offences, up 18 per cent to 3,173.

Mr Baker added: "We continue to receive increasing reports of rape and sexual offences. A proportion of these are historic and it is evident there is a clear willingness of victims to come forward and report these crimes to us."

Uni honour for trailblazer



Staffordshire's Chief Fire Officer Becci Bryant was the first woman in the country to be appointed to such a senior post *Picture: Keele University*

STAFFORDSHIRE'S Chief Fire Officer has received an honorary degree, recognising her contribution to improving safety.

After being presented with the honour at Keele University, Becci Bryant said: "I thoroughly enjoyed attending the prestigious graduation ceremony.

"It was very humbling to be in such an inspirational company.

"When I started my career back in the Nineties, I never imagined

I would be here today but my goal remains the same – to do my bit to help others and keep our communities safe.

"I accepted this honour on behalf of the whole organisation."

The Honorary Degree of Master of the University also acknowledged Ms Bryant as an exceptional role model and champion for diversity.

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Fitness scheme to inspire servicemen



Activity instructor Lynn Franklyn, left, and Help A Squaddie founder Kerry Urquhart

FITNESS experts at Rugeley Leisure Centre are pioneering a new healthy lifestyle programme to help ex-soldiers combat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Inspiring healthy lifestyles staff members Ben Boden and George Gaye have teamed up with Cannock-based charity Help A Squaddie to launch a pilot course. It is aimed at getting former military personnel up and active, and to help them beat the debilitating effects of PTSD.

The team believes that regular exercise holds the keys to increasing confidence, self-esteem and well-being.

Ben said: "Often sufferers will lack energy and enthusiasm, but we believe that this can be helped by adopting a more active lifestyle."

Inspiring healthy lifestyles has funded the pilot project, which will initially have 10 places available and will run for 12 weeks. It will be open to any former military personnel in the Cannock Chase area who have been diagnosed with PTSD. Contact George or Ben on 01889 586260 or email Kerry Urquhart at kerry@helpasquaddie.org.uk

Volunteer team brings heather back to the glade

THE hard work of volunteers has helped to increase the amount of ground flora since a small glade was introduced at key Staffordshire Wildlife Trust nature reserve.

Last winter, the group of helpers completed work to create the glade alongside Commonsides Road at the trust's Gentleshaw Common nature reserve.

In spring, the Gentleshaw volunteer team were assisted by a group of volunteers from Cannock Chase Area of Natural Beauty to create a small scrape in the glade to see what would grow. They removed the top few inches of organic material to enable the heathland to regenerate.

Lease

The work has been a success, with new heather and gorse found growing in the glade this January.

The glade will create lighter areas within the woodland which will encourage other wildlife.

Gentleshaw Common became the trust's 27th nature reserve in January 2016 after the charity signed a

By Simon Stone

99-year lease with Lichfield District Council to manage the Site of Special Scientific Interest. The 86-acre site is an important area of land - home to both rare wet and dry heathland habitats, with a large range of wildlife.

Hayley Dorrington, the trust's southern heathlands warden, said: "This is great news. We will continue creating scrapes this year on the Common. The work is thanks to our loyal and dedicated team of volunteers."

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Bosses of shopping village in £400k vow

BOSSES behind the designer outlet village that will be built in Cannock have vowed to invest nearly £400,000 in schemes aimed at changing the face of the town.

The money, which will come from McArthurGlen, would go on improving the town centre, expanding the railway station and creating a college.

The largest sum – £150,000 – will be ploughed into town centre developments, such as providing free wi-fi and improving the market, as well as going towards festivals and promotional events.

Cannock Chase Council deputy leader Gordon Alcott says it will also be spent on paying for consultants to draw up a masterplan with a view to redeveloping the town centre. Cannock railway station will benefit from the next largest figure – £90,000 – with a scheme to increase the platform size to cater for longer trains.

A £65,000 injection has been earmarked for a Retail and Skills Academy in the town following the closure of South Staffordshire College's Cannock campus

By Carl Jackson

last year. The rest of the £370,300 pot will go towards maintaining Mill Green Nature Park – £32,300 – along with improving signage and felling and replanting trees – £28,000 – and £5,000 for an 'Employment and Skills Plan' outlining the recruitment and operation of the retail shopping village.

Councillor Alcott said: "When we gave permission for Mill Green we said we would not forget about the town centre and the developers themselves said they would not forget about the town centre."

The designer outlet village, formerly referred to as Mill Green, will feature more than 100 stores.

Volunteers wanted to dig in with canal work



Excavating the canal bed at Darnford Moors where the culvert will be kept until the canal can be taken under Darnford Lane

LICHFIELD'S canal restoration trust is looking for more volunteers after making huge progress in the last year.

While work on Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust's Tamworth Road site has been temporarily suspended, the work party has moved to Darnford Moors where shuttering put in place to line the canal banks when the lift bridge was installed had to be replaced.

The volunteers have also dug out the canal bed next to the golf club and construct a large hard-standing area to accommodate a huge crane to lift and store 11 sections of concrete culvert which will be used to allow the canal to go under Darnford Lane.

At Summerhill, volunteers have completed the gabion wall designed to protect the wall of the Boat Inn.

Meanwhile, the repair of the Sand Wharf goes on, and at the M6 Toll end a group has extended the towpath past the culvert which will eventually lead to a path over the aqueduct. Visit <http://lhert.org.uk/mobile/m.volunteering.html>

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Community lottery win just the ticket for Rachel



Paul Woodhead and Robin Kingston present the cheque to winning ticket holder Rachel Lockett

A HEDNESFORD woman has welcomed in the new year with a £130 windfall from the town's community lottery.

The scheme was launched at the Christmas lights switch-on and, at its first draw of the year, on January 10, Rachel Lockett was the winner.

She was delighted to receive her cheque for £130 from her £1 ticket from Robin Kingston, chairman

of Hednesford in Partnership, and vice-chairman Paul Woodhead.

The draw was made in the library, in Market Street by Sarah Walker, owner of Bella's Cafe, the business which sold the most tickets.

Bonus

Rachel said: "I was happy just to contribute my pound to this community lottery but to win the first draw was a real bonus."

"I hope everyone goes out and buys a ticket for the next draw," she said.

"The town traders and their customers are really excited by the launch of the lottery which, as well as creating lucky winners each month will create a community fund for town initiatives."

The community lottery is a Hednesford in Partnership initiative to raise funds for community projects and events in the town.

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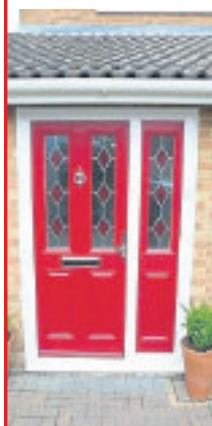


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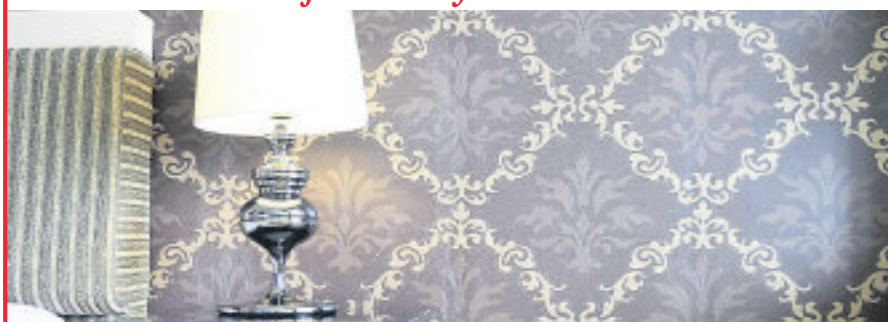


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And so a young woman followed the ruined path up to a wizened door. She pushed it gently and the door gives way, opening a little into a darkened space. 'Hello,' is all she said.

But no answer came. Getting braver she stepped into the hallway and as she slowly walked the sound of her own footsteps echoed on the old wooden floor. She continued towards the candle lit sitting room. Opening the wide, heavy, oak panelled door she was met with the same sound as always. It was the creaking of a well-used rocking chair. The rhythm was so persistent and hypnotic that she was unable to take her eyes away from it.

'Ah there you are my dear Helena,' the voice of an old woman said. 'I've been waiting for you.'

Helena stood in front of her and stared. She saw the same clothes on her adversary as always. Her dress was black and covered all of her body. The long sleeves were edged at the cuff with delicate frills. She saw the black shawl tightly wrapped around her bony shoulders. It was old and fraying at the ends. The old woman gently rocked back and forth, her black, shiny lace-up boots just reaching the foot rest. She smiled in a sinister way, delighting in the fact that Helena could not leave until she has given an answer to her impossible question.

'Now my dear you know it is the same question but so far you have not found the correct answer. Better luck tonight hey?'

The cruel, silver-haired woman turned her lips into a twisted smile.

Helena knew there is no escape. Every night she is summoned to the old house in her dreams. It is punishment for a mistake she had made some six months before.

'Are you ready Helena? Very well. Where is the tree that has leaves you cannot touch yet has flowers that bloom in spring for eternity?'

Helena wasn't listening. She was remembering what she had done. Her Mother was always asking her to mind baby George, her pesky little brother. So she decided to take him to the local woods in his pushchair. George hadn't cried when she left him on the rug with his baby toys. She didn't even

The Express & Star short story competition in the Wolverhampton Literature Festival was won by **CHRISTINE GWILLYM** of Great Wyrley. Here you can read her winning story, 'The baby cried one last time', in full

glance back as she met up with her friends to walk along the canal path. She was only away for twenty minutes but when she returned he was gone! There was a huge police search but he was never found and Helena's Mother never forgave her. 'How could you leave him alone, Helena?' her mother said, 'he was just a baby.'

'Well? What is your answer?' The old woman's voice made her jump. This habitual summoning had started just after her brother went missing. Helena knew she was dreaming but she couldn't stop it. However tonight she would make the old woman wait. So she moved around the jaded room with its imposing Victorian furniture and its red, embossed wallpaper until she came to a side table where an old-wooden globe stood. One spin of the sphere made it turn wildly. 'Leave that alone!' her tormentor bellowed.

Angry

The old woman seemed defensive and uneasy. Why did turning the globe bother her? Stopping it suddenly Helena picked up a drawing pin on the table and searched across the globe until her finger came across the Middle Eastern countries. She closed her eyes and pressed the pin into the globe. 'That won't help you!' her angry voice rattled the stillness.

Helena thought back to when her father used to play with her naming all the countries and capitals of the world on their globe. At last she opened her eyes. Underneath the pin Helena could just make out a country's name, Lebanon. Next to the country was a tiny flag. Then it dawned on her.

'The answer is Lebanon,' she said triumphantly.

'What?' ranted the old woman, 'who told you!'

'My Dad told me! The cedar tree is on the flag. I cannot touch its leaves but on a real cedar tree there are flowers that bloom in spring.'

'No! You haven't answered how it blooms for eternity!' Her tormentor

snarled. 'So you are still mine!' That part was easy.

'It's an evergreen so it never dies. Now tell me where my baby brother is!'

The old woman reluctantly got to her feet and said, 'You can have him back but I will not tell you where he is. You left him alone so you must find him on your own. That is your final punishment.'

Helena watched as the old woman vanished and she knew the dream had ended. She was back home and wide awake. She dressed quickly and went to look for a torch. She ran into the darkness as her first thought was to go to the spot where she had left him. Nothing was there. She went further and further into the woodland but still there was no sign of him.

An hour had slipped by when Helena thought she saw a dim light in the distance. Every now and then the leaves parted in front of her to show the way. The shape of a cottage began to appear in the darkness. Edging forwards she passed through the gate that was nearly off its hinges. She saw an abandoned rake. Then something made her stop short. She was suddenly very frightened. This was the house in her dream! She stepped into the hallway. Next she approached the sitting room and a cold chill went up and down her spine. There was someone sitting in the rocking chair. Helena crept up quietly. The figure did not move. Helena wanted to scream but nothing came out of her mouth. It was the old woman but she was dead. As she turned to go she thought she heard a faint noise coming from the first floor of the house. She hurried to the hallway and fled up the stairs. She threw open every door and shone her torch inside each room, searching and hoping. At the very last one she stood almost unable to breathe. There was a cot. The baby cried one last time and Helena knew it was George.

'Oh my darling, don't cry. You're safe now.'

She gently cradled him in a soft blanket and then looked down to see he was smiling. The baby looked well-fed and cleanly dressed. A plan began to form in her mind. No-one would believe her story about the old woman and the dreams. She would have to leave George on the front step of their house and wake everyone saying she could hear a baby crying. He would be found safe and well. Surely then she would be forgiven? And just at that moment when everything seemed to be right she thought she heard the creak of the rocking chair once more.

Protest as shelter for dogs is set to reopen

CAMPAIGNERS are to hold a protest on Saturday against a scandal-hit dog shelter reopening.

Rosedene Rescue Centre shut down temporarily last month after volunteers walked away from the facility in Rushall, near Walsall, claiming they had removed all remaining 21 dogs from the site due to poor conditions.

Owner Desmond Goodall has confirmed he is bringing new management in with a view to reopening the centre.

But now campaign group The Rosedene 12, which stepped in to rehome the dogs, says it will hold a demonstration from midday, starting at Walsall Council House.

Organiser Clare Williams said at least 100 people had expressed an interest in joining the demonstration.

Mr Goodall has said he is committed to running Rosedene professionally. Neither he nor anyone else from the centre was available to comment on the planned protest.

Council approves 119-home estate next to Hednesford Town's ground

PLANS to build 119 homes next to Hednesford Town FC have been passed – at the fourth time of asking.

Cannock Chase Council's planning committee have given the green light to Taylor Wimpey's scheme which has been held up for months over fears it would cause matchday parking chaos at Keys Park.

The developer vowed to give each household on the new estate two parking permits granting them permission to leave two cars outside

their properties when The Pitmen are playing at home.

They had previously pledged to expand the club car park from 74 spaces to 251 and impose a traffic regulation order restricting fans parking outside residents' homes while a 'travel plan co-ordinator' will be employed to encourage club staff and fans not to drive to matches.

The scheme had been deferred by the committee on three occasions over parking issues. Councillor Paul Woodhead, who represents the area, criticised the committee's decision.

He said: "I fear we will have ongoing and long-term friction between the patrons of the football club and the residents for years to come."

A spokesperson for Taylor Wimpey said: "We worked hard to address the concerns raised by councillors."

"We believe the updated scheme is better as a result and will provide an even more sustainable housing development for Hednesford."

"We would like to thank all those who gave their feedback on our plans, and we are now looking forward to starting work on site."

Premature birth link to coronary disease

MEDICAL researchers based in Staffordshire have played a part in a project that found women who have premature delivery during pregnancy have double the risk of death from coronary heart disease in later life.

Premature birth – delivery before 37 gestational weeks – affects 10 per cent of pregnancies and is linked to poor health in premature babies. The research, funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and the North Staffordshire Heart Committee, found that there are also long-term implications for women's health.

It emerged that mothers who give birth before 37 gestational weeks have a 1.4 to 1.6-fold increased risk of cardiovascular disease and stroke in later life.

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18 Station boost for disabled city rail users

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WORK will begin on providing disabled access to all three platforms at Lichfield Trent Valley Station this summer, the city's MP has confirmed.

Michael Fabricant was informed of the move following a meeting with West Midlands Trains managing director Jan Chaudhry-van der Velde.

The Conservative MP said: "We discussed in detail the facilities at the Lichfield stations as well as services on the two rail franchises they have taken over from London-Midland. I raised a whole series of issues with him."

He added: "Following meetings Jan has had with Network Rail, they have confirmed to him - and now to me - that work will begin on the construction of the two lifts to the upper platform at Lichfield Trent Valley this summer. This will give disabled access to all three platforms."

Mr Fabricant also asked about the possibility of constructing a ramp from the car park at the station to the London-bound platform and raised the issue of a lack of toilets at both city stations.

County sees increase in number claiming unemployment benefits

MORE people were claiming unemployment benefits in Staffordshire last month.

The claimant count total for the county was up 80 on November at 5,460 - one per cent of the working population.

Stafford was up 45 to 735 and South Staffordshire by five to 815, but both Cannock Chase and Lichfield saw falls.

Cannock Chase was down by five to 735 and Lichfield by 30 to 435.

The latest Office for National Statistics figures for the three months to November showed unemployment in the West Midlands rose by 6,000 to 155,000 from the June to August period.

Nationally, unemployment was down 160,000 on the year to 1.44 million, with the number of people in



More were claiming unemployment benefits in the West Midlands

work at a record high of 32.2m amid strong demand for workers.

The national claimant count, which includes people on Jobseeker's Allowance and the unemployment element of Universal Credit, increased

by 8,600 last month to 832,500. For the West Midlands it was up 670 at 84,730.

Staffordshire's continued drive to increase skills so that people can take advantage of new job opportunities is

essential, the county council's economic growth leader Councillor Mark Winnington said.

Work and Pensions Secretary Esther McVey said: "At this time of year, straight after Christmas, people might be feeling a squeeze on their finances. We're determined to help people keep more of what they earn."

"That's why we've increased the national living wage, introduced Universal Credit to offer greater flexibility, and taken millions of people out of income tax altogether by raising the tax-free personal allowance."

But Matthew Percival, CBI head of employment, said: "Higher inflation means living standards remain under pressure. With businesses already concerned about skills shortages, it's essential that current reforms help people gain the skills that businesses need."

Cancer trust in running for donation

HOUSEBUILDER Taylor Wimpey is offering £250 to a deserving cause - and wants people to vote for their favourite.

The money has been made available through its Built for the Community scheme.

Two causes are in the running, Stephen Sutton - Teenage Cancer Trust and the Black Country Museum. The developer, currently constructing Himley View in Burntwood, is asking people to make their choice.

To vote, email builtfortheblackcountry@taylorwimpey-pr.co.uk before February 13. The one with the most votes will be awarded the donation.

Taylor Wimpey West Midlands sales and marketing manager Elaine Cartwright said: "Every year we build new homes and communities that people want to live in, so it is great to be able to support local projects and initiatives like the Teenage Cancer Trust and the Black Country Museum through this latest campaign. In order for an overall winner to be chosen, we would encourage residents to cast a vote."

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Campaign to cut £6m unused medicine bill

HEALTH bosses have launched a **Medicines Matter** campaign with aim of saving the NHS millions of pounds.

The initiative, run by the six Staffordshire and Stoke-on Trent Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), will tackle the issue of unused prescription medicine.

It is estimated that the problem wastes around £6 million each year across the county. Patients, pharmacists and GP practices are all being encouraged to play their part in reducing this waste.

Samantha Buckingham, medicines optimisation lead at Cannock Chase, Stafford & Surrounds and South East Staffordshire & Seisdon Peninsula CCGs, said: "The amount of money that goes to waste every year on medicines that are prescribed but do not get used always shocks people. Quite often, these medicines just end up in the back of the cupboard gathering dust."

Repeat

Eileen Cox, a patient representative for the CCGs, said: "Patients can support this important campaign by checking what medicines they need before ordering more, checking what is in their pharmacy bag and handing back any unwanted items and talking to their GP or pharmacy if they don't need any of their medicines anymore."

Along with patients, the CCGs are also asking pharmacies, GP practices and everyone who takes or orders medicines to play their part in making sure that NHS money is not wasted in this way.

Dr Mo Huda, a Rugeley GP and chair of Cannock Chase CCG, said: "The campaign encourages GPs to only adding medicine to a repeat prescription once a patient is stable on it, only use a 28-day repeat prescription with patients who need it and to regularly review patients' repeat medication."

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Cats charity in foster appeal



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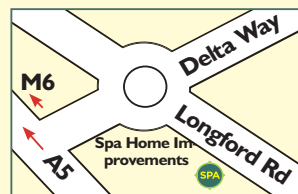
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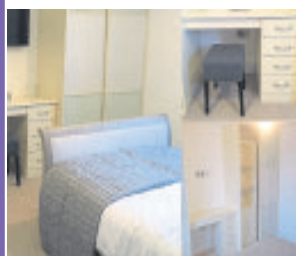


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Show group in record £10k donation



From left, Mrs Judith Berry, Mr Charles Cole, Mrs Jan Higgins, Mrs Mary Gair and Mr Steve Brown

THE Kings Bromley Show Society made its biggest ever donation in its 99-year history when it handed over £10,000 to the village hall refurbishment fund.

One of the aims of the society, which stages the village show each year in July, is to support local organisations by way of grants from any surplus funds. The ittee felt that by making a donation to the refurbishment fund many vil-

lagers would reap the benefits, as the hall is a particularly well-used community asset, although in much need of long overdue refurbishment work.

Mrs Judith Berry, president of the society, said she hoped the money would provide a solid foundation for the speedy acquisition of the further funding that is still required to ensure the extensive renovation programme can go ahead.

NHS trust 'has 'improved'

COUNTY Hospital and Royal Stoke University Hospital have 'improved', according to regulators who had said they were falling below standards.

The Care Quality Commission rated the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust as 'requires improvement' overall in July 2015.

They revisited in October last year for a 'focused inspection' and, while they have not elevated the rating, in-

spectors declared that clear progress was evident.

"We found a number of improvements had been made across University Hospitals of North Midlands on our return," Ted Baker, chief inspector of hospitals, said.

"We were particularly impressed with the progress at the Royal Stoke University Hospital where many of the overall ratings for its individual services have improved.

"For example, critical care at the hospital is now rated as 'outstanding

overall' as well as for whether that service is caring and well-led.

"The hospital itself is now rated as 'good overall' and outstanding for whether its services are caring," Mr Baker added.

"At County Hospital we also found improvements including to urgent and emergency and end of life care services which are now both rated as 'good overall'.

"However, we also found there were areas where the trust needed to make improvements."

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£1,200*	£23,187	5,000*	48 MONTHS	4.12%	4.2%

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FINANCE DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	ANNUAL MILEAGE	DURATION OF AGREEMENT	FIXED RATE OF INTEREST	REPRESENTATIVE APR (FIXED)
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Stranger danger! Thriller has you on edge of seat



Chris Harper as Charles Bruno, John Middleton (Arthur Gerard), Hannah Tointon who plays Haines' wife Anne and Jack Ashton as Guy Haines

NOTE to self: Never get into deep conversation with a stranger on a train.

This particularly applies if you have an irksome ex and the stranger happens to be a charming, eccentric but slightly sinister type.

There are certainly lessons to be learned from this gripping thriller. *Strangers on a Train* was Patricia Highsmith's first novel, published in 1950 and turned into a film by Alfred Hitchcock the following year.

This is a tense and shocking tale of murder, intrigue and intimidation made all the more thrilling by the powerful performance of Chris Harper as the charismatic yet psychotic Charles

Strangers on a Train, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham
By Diane Davies

Bruno. The plot sees two strangers – Bruno and Guy Haines – get into a conversation on a train and agree after one too many drinks that they will kill a problematic person for each other.

When architect Haines' estranged wife is murdered, Bruno appears on the scene and demands his father is killed as per the agreement. Best known for his role in *Coronation Street*, Harper is incredibly menacing as the charming, unpredictable and quite insane

mummy's boy Bruno who is desperate to wrestle 'his' money from his father. Jack Ashton – vicar Tom Hereward in *Call the Midwife* – gives a depressingly convincing performance as the tortured architect spiralling deeper and deeper into despair.

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Death penalty belongs in past

I AM writing to address a letter arguing in favour of the death penalty as I must come to the defence of Mark Pritchard MP (Letters, January 25).

The death penalty is not a modern issue. More to the point, comprehensive research has concluded that the severity of a punishment has no effect on the level of

crime in society (Doob & Webster, 2003). The return of capital punishment would not be in anybody's interest.

Human rights organisations such as the Innocence Project have had to fight for wrongful convictions to be overturned while innocent people are waiting on death row. Of all of the people who have been exonerated

thanks to post-conviction DNA testing, 25 per cent of those were wrongfully convicted of murder.

Imagine being completely innocent, but waiting on death row nonetheless.

Nay, I feel much safer with the death penalty in history – where it belongs.

GEORGE HALES
Hednesford

Why not try looking for the humour

I HAVE to reply to a letter in which the author makes himself look very silly ("Comments on NHS are ill-informed", January 25).

Did he forget to reunite himself with his sense of humour the last time he left the council chamber?

I cannot see how anyone, right wing or otherwise, could disagree with the points I made.

With regards to my last tongue in cheek comments, anyone, except those who have had a sense of humour bypass, would realise they were just that: light hearted and tongue in cheek. Come on, Mr Witton, lighten up.

Finally, I have no reason to broadcast my name and address.

The comments I make are my own and do not represent any political party.

LDT
Heath Hayes

So, is it really worth voting?

WELL would you believe it? Not only is South Staffordshire MP our Gavin letting us down, he's now started to do it nationwide. Are we fools for voting or voting for fools?

PHILIP EVANS
Great Wyrley

Wealth of super-rich still rising

HOMELESSNESS, rough sleeping, social injustice, the near collapse of the NHS and the dereliction of other emergency services are nearly all a product of unfair austerity cuts to the people who make up the backbone of this country.

Due to huge tax cuts the wealth of the super-rich continues to rise.

I have never witnessed poverty on such a scale in this country, and the Government's claim that the money is not available to eradicate it, is simply not true.

Since they came to power, corporation tax has been cut nearly nine per cent.

How many desperately needed homes, and extra public services and jobs, could that have paid for?

MR PAUL WITTON
Cannock

I'd love the chance to solve crime problem

OH how I wish I was in power when I hear about the massive rise in gun and knife crime!

First, anybody caught carrying a knife or gun, without a valid reason, would be given an automatic six months in prison, and 10 years for a second offence.

Overcrowded prisons? Use some of the obscene amount of overseas aid to build more prisons.

Any money left over? Spend it on the NHS. After all, charity begins at home!

T MORRIS
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Have you got any hidden vintage treasures?

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

with John Ridgway of Perry & Phillips



IS it possible that somewhere in your house, garage, shed or even garden there lies some hidden treasure?

I don't mean a Viking horde or a forgotten collection of diamond jewellery – although that would be very nice and would certainly attract some attention in the saleroom – but items that may have lain undiscovered for many years and might be worth a good deal.

A number of pieces sold in the saleroom have been 'discovered' in relatively odd places and in some cases considered to be of fairly little value by their owners.

A prime example is, of course, the Scrimshaw walking cane that we sold for a staggering £47,000 – it was found on top of a wardrobe and its owner thought it might possibly be worth a fiver – and also most certainly one of the lots coming up in next week's sale.

A marble bust of eminent Georgian politician George Fox, one of Tuesday's 'stars', was found in a garden!

The bust was made by famous sculptor Joseph Nollekins and is estimated to sell for between £500 to £800 – despite having spent some considerable time as a 'garden ornament' it is in excellent condition.

Another surprise was a stunning collection of silver 'apostle' spoons discovered at the back of a drawer, having lain there for some years.

The spoons turned out to be extremely valuable, one dating back to the reign of Henry V111 and probably made for a member of his court.

The spoon collection (which were in great condition, I used the Henry one to eat my breakfast with the morning before the auction!) in total sold for in excess of an amazing £20,000.

Then there was a superb eighteenth century sundial, again found in a garden, which netted more than £2,000, and another garden find – a cast-iron decorated bench which had been modelled on those lining the London embankment and made a very healthy £800.

Of course these are not everyday finds but they proved to be the source of considerable cash windfalls . . . so start looking, you never know what you may unearth!

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Embellishing garments still order of the day



Eye-catching Japanese embroidery

EMBELLISHED garments are the order of the day, embroidery features on everything, all your favourite garments, the white cotton shirt, denim jacket, velvet dress, back in the high street stores but with elaborate stitched designs.

Embroidery can be traced back as far as ancient China (5th to 3rd century BC), where they used to employ various hand-sewing techniques to patch, repair or decorate their clothing. In a garment from Sweden (300 to 700 AD), the edges of the trimmings are strengthened with running stitch, back stitch, stem stitch, tailor's buttonhole stitch, and whip-stitching, but it is uncertain whether this work is decorative trim or just to reinforce the seams. Eventually it became a way of distinguishing between different classes of society, defining wealth and status.

The art of embroidery didn't stop there, it spread worldwide with each culture embroidering patterns that were unique to them.

In the 19th century, with the industrial revolution came mechanical ways to stitch, until then it was all done by hand. Frenchman Josue Heilmann invented a hand em-

STYLE FOCUS

with Janet Timmis



broinery machine nearly 20 years before the first sewing machine was patented in 1846. Heilmann's embroidery machine consisted of a frame to hold the fabric, a needle assembly and a handle to work the needle. Instead of taking the needle to the fabric, fabric moved to meet the needle, which had a point at each end and an eye in the middle. The process allowed stitching in any direction.

Crank

In 1863, Isaak Groebli invented the Schiffli embroidery machine which operated using a two-thread system and required someone to turn a crank in order for the machine to work. Using the machine was still considered painstaking but it meant that you could create identical garments again and again.

Today top end designers such as Stella McCartney and Alexander McQueen are using

embroidery in their newest catwalk offerings and the high-street offers a vast choice of styles along with other recent trends such as embroidered patches and personalised logos.

Some shops are personalising garments while you wait. Tommy Hilfiger and Polo Ralph Lauren on Regent Street are offering this service. A few taps on a tablet in store and you can be leaving with a fully logoed item and Louis Vuitton offer monogramming on their luggage.

According to statistics, a large percentage of shoppers are happy to pay premium prices to make their purchase unique.

This bodes well for companies such as Unmade, the London based manufacturer, who can create customised knitwear in hours using new technologies to allow knitting machines to create bespoke pieces at the same price as making thousands of the same design.

Will we soon be designing our garment, including our personalised logos, ordering online and receiving it the next day. Now that would be something different and something you can't return if you get it wrong.



Keep away from the 3Ps – prepared, processed and packaged foods



Choose healthy breakfast options, such as porridge, yogurt, organic eggs and fruit

Tips to boost diet and exercise of your partner



Nutrition coach Pippa Campbell

DO you constantly worry about how your partner's lifestyle choices may be affecting their health?

Your fears may be more common than you think.

A new study has reveals it's a fear one in three of us have, with two thirds of people putting their loved one's health ahead of their own.

The average Briton also worries about their partner's wellbeing more than twice a week, with nearly a third discussing these concerns on a weekly basis with their other half.

The study by Bupa Health Clinics found that people often prioritise their partner's health above their own, because they believe they're healthy and don't need to worry about their own wellbeing, saying they'll address their own health issues if and when they need to.

So what can you do to ease your worries in the meantime? We asked health experts to give us five sneaky ways to improve your partner's health at home.

1. Prepare a healthy bedtime snack
One of the top concerns is that a partner isn't getting enough sleep. As well as encouraging loved ones to get to bed at a

By Lisa Salmon

reasonable hour, nutrition and weight loss coach Pippa Campbell points out that sugary snacks before bedtime can be a recipe for poor sleep.

"Starchy carbs and sugars will raise your blood sugar and delay sleep," she explains.

"Later, when blood-sugar drops too low (hypoglycemia), you may wake up and be unable to fall back asleep.

"I recommend not eating carbs or sugar before bed usually, but if you're feeling stressed, a small pre-bedtime protein or carb snack might help (around 10pm). In these instances, I advise my clients to eat some almond butter on a small rye or gluten-free cracker."

2. Cook a healthy breakfast for them

Nutritionist Dr Marilyn Glenville, author of Natural Alternatives To Sugar, says that another handy tip for helping to keep loved ones healthy is to check that they're choosing healthy breakfast options, such as wholegrain cereals like porridge, organic live natural dairy products like yogurt, organic eggs and fruit.

"Sugar-laden cereals will cause blood-sugar to rise sharply and drop quite quickly, making people feel hungry more quickly," she says.

3. Alter their diet

If you're concerned about your partner's weight, altering their diet could help to shift the pounds.

"Keep them away from the 3Ps – prepared, processed and packaged foods, as well as saturated fats (margarine, pastries, crisps) alcohol, wheat and gluten-containing foods, and foods that increase blood-sugar quickly (sweets, juices, bread).

"They can also increase sources of antioxidants by munching on berries."

4. Don't opt for sugar-free alternatives

If you're selecting sugar-free or low-fat alternatives, in the hope they can help your partner shift those stubborn pounds, you may actually be setting yourself up for a fall. Such foods could be increasing belly fat, as they'll usually contain artificial sweeteners, which can slow down the digestive process and increase appetite.

5. Set exercise reminders on their phone

If your partner has a desk job, they may have a low step count, which can affect how much exercise they are getting. Sitting for long periods decreases activity of the fat-burning enzyme lipoprotein lipase. Encourage your partner to walk around the office more and to take their lunch break.

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It is a story of love, friendship and identity and is cleverly told through the timeless songs of Abba. The lead character is Sophie Sheridan, who is played by Lucy May Barker.

The action centres around her quest to discover the father she's never known. It follows her story as Sophie's mother comes face to face with three men from her distant romantic past on the eve of a wedding they'll never forget.

The show, which runs at the Wolverhampton Grand from February 6 to 24, is irresistibly funny and has been thrilling audiences all around the world. Now it is coming to Wolverhampton for the first time.

Lucy May is looking forward to that – and says she has a blast playing Sophie each evening.

"Being able to create my own version of it is amazing. I want to transport people away to our little Greek island world. That helps them forget what they've seen before.

"Sophie has been played by others but this is my interpretation. I have so much to do in the show because the story is so full. I just trust the fact that I was chosen for the part and I bring my own confidence to it. There's so much to do in this job."

UPBEAT

The show is truly upbeat. The title of the musical was taken from the group's 1975 chart-topper Mamma Mia. Benny and Bjorn, who composed the original music for Abba, were involved in the development of the show from the beginning while singer Anni-Frid Lyngstad became involved financially and has attended many of the premieres around the world.

The musical includes such hits as Super Trouper, Lay All Your Love on Me, Dancing Queen, Knowing Me, Knowing You, Take a Chance on Me, Thank You for the Music, Money, Money, Money, The Winner Takes It All, Voulez-Vous, SOS and the title track. It has been seen by more than 60 million people around the world and a film version made in 2008 was a huge hit. That starred Meryl Streep, Colin Firth, Pierce Brosnan, Amanda Seyfried, Christine Baranski, Stellan Skarsgård and Julie Walters.

Lucy May says the show is so resolutely upbeat that it's impossible not to enjoy it. "I think it's hard for everyone not to have a great time. It's such a happy show and so if there's someone in the company who's down, it brings them straight up."

"People often come up with these amazing stories about how it makes them feel – the show is feel good.

Knowing me, knowing you –
Mamma Mia is hit-packed fun



It's so upbeat. It gives the audience the chance to escape for a couple of hours. It is an absolute dream come true to play the role. I absolutely love the show and getting to perform it to all the

lovely audience around the UK is a feeling like no other.

"I grew up listening to Abba and we had the Abba Gold CD in my mum's car, so I knew almost all the words already when I auditioned which was very handy ha ha! I love going on for Lay All Your Love.

"I love singing that number and from then on I don't leave the stage for the rest of the act which is a total rollercoaster."

The musical opened in the West End at the Prince Edward Theatre on April 6, 1999, and transferred to the Prince of Wales Theatre on June 9, 2004, where it played until September 2012. It has also featured on Broadway and at other cities around the world.

The present British tour has thrilled audiences the length and breadth of the UK and Lucy May says the responses have been remarkable.

"There was a review back at the start saying Mamma Mia should be available on the NHS. I've played it for the whole tour since 2016. With that

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people away to
our little Greek
island world*

comes fantastic opportunities for learning and developing the role. I'd like to think I've got better. You practice something eight times a week and different audiences and different places give you different things. We were in Birmingham for 10 weeks and it was great and people are generally happy and cheery in the West Midlands: they're up for a good time.

"I've been to Wolverhampton before in other shows and the Grand is a beautiful theatre. There are some audiences that are slightly more serious in other parts of the UK, but Birmingham and Wolverhampton. But these are cities I love.

"To do big scale musicals that are uplifting and crowd-pleasing and positive is a gift.

"As a kid I did Annie and that really gave me the bug. Most of the people on stage or in the company had done it as kids, they'd done that in theatre school. So to go from doing that as a child to doing it as a professional in adult life is a dream. I try to always remember that. Not a lot of people have the opportunity to turn their childhood passion turning into their life passion – I'm one of the lucky ones."

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A scene from Matthew Bourne's Cinderella



Cinderella dances in Blitz battered London

AUDIENCES have been laughing along to a star-studded pantomime production of Cinderella for several weeks at Birmingham Hippodrome but a very different, darker vision of the fairy tale is arriving at the venue next week.

Choreographer and leader of the New Adventures dance company Matthew Bourne, who thrilled audiences at the Hippodrome a year ago with his glamorous cinematic-styled version of The Red Shoes, has revived his take on Cinderella.

It is set in a Blitz-ruined wartime London where the threat of death has ignited a new age of hedonism as our heroine embarks on a dizzying romance with an

RAF pilot. Bourne's stylish vision, which was screened by BBC TV during the festive season from London's Sadler's Wells Theatre, is a revival of a production first performed 21 years ago and last revived a decade ago. It is a radical reworking that draws on a real life tragedy when popular London nightclub the Café de Paris took a direct hit from a Luftwaffe bomb.

The production keeps the magnificent Prokofiev score from the traditional ballet, in recorded form, and has potent imagery that often recalls Powell and Pressburger's classic 1946 wartime fantasy A Matter of Life and Death, about a pilot who briefly cheats death.

Matthew Bourne's Cinderella is staged from Tuesday to Saturday. See birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Brief return to Rep for classic romance

One of the most acclaimed theatrical productions of recent years returns to Birmingham in February.

Kneehigh's production of Noël Coward's Brief Encounter, adapted and directed by Emma Rice, will be staged at Birmingham Repertory Theatre from tomorrow (Friday) until February 17.

Coward's Brief Encounter is one of the most haunting love stories ever and is particularly fondly remembered due David Lean's classic British movie from 1945 starring Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard.

A chance meeting in a railway station café brings together housewife Laura and doctor Alec and their casual friendship turns into a heart-breaking love story.

Both the play and the film inspired acclaimed director Emma Rice. She says: "Brief Encounter combines the romance of cinema with all that live theatre can offer; magic, passion, surprise, suggestion and naughtiness."

"I carry this show in my heart and couldn't be more excited to return to this heart-pounding production and bring it back to Birmingham. Radical and romantic, nostalgic but oh, so relevant – let

passions ignite!"

This award-winning production of Brief Encounter premiered at Birmingham Repertory Theatre in 2007 winning the hearts of audiences and critics alike. It subsequently triumphed in the West End, toured the globe and received dazzling reviews on Broadway.

The cast will feature Jim Sturgeon as Alec and Isabel Pollen as Laura. Brief Encounter will be directed by Emma Rice and designed by Neil Murray.

For more information see birmingham-rep.co.uk or for tickets call 0121 236 4455.



Japanese drums and Beethoven

Japanese taiko percussion group Kodo perform new work Evolution at Symphony Hall on Monday. Classical highlights at the Birmingham venue include Scottish violin virtuoso Nicola Benedetti, pictured, on Tuesday. She performs Beethoven's Fourth Symphony and his Violin Concerto with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. The CBSO conducted by Constantinos Carydis perform Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition on Wednesday.



Sub Pop's latest signing at the NAC

Californian singer-songwriter Jesca Hoop, who is currently based in Manchester, is in concert at the Newhampton Arts Centre in Wolverhampton on Monday. She has released five studio albums since she was encouraged to start her musical career by Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan, and has worked with Guy Garvey and as a backing singer for Peter Gabriel. She recently signed to the Seattle-based Sub Pop label.

Also coming to the NAC are the Jam-like Watford outfit The Spitfires on Saturday. American punk veterans the Dead Boys are at Digbeth's O2 Institute tomorrow (Friday). Reggae star Macka B is back on home turf for a gig at Bilston's Robin 2 on Saturday. Jazz and reggae singer Zara McFarlane is at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on Wednesday.

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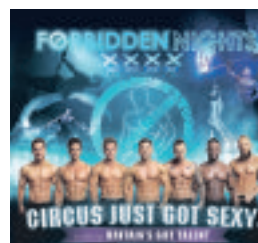
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Jim Sturgess

Hard Sun (BBC1, 9.30pm)
A night jogger is murdered and brutalised in his home, and when Renko realises the victim is a man from her past, she realises his death has dire personal implications for both her and Daniel. Armed with knowledge of Renko's traumatic history, Hicks understands the significance of the man's death, but with the government breathing down his neck to secure the Hard Sun dossier, he once again finds himself at odds with her. Meanwhile, Daniel goes on the run after inadvertently claiming the Hard Sun flashdrive, but fleeing places him firmly in Grace Morrigan's cross-hairs. Pre-apocalyptic crime thriller, starring Jim Sturgess, Agyness Deyn, Nikki Amuka-Bird and Owain Arthur.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Everyday. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Six Nations Preview. **1.45** Live Six Nations Rugby Union, Wales v Scotland (Kick-off 2.15pm). **4.15** Live Six Nations Rugby Union.
7.00 **BBC News.**
7.10 **Regional Programme.**
7.15 **All Together Now.** The musical talent show continues, as Rob Beckett invites more singers to step on-stage for a chance to win a £50,000 cash prize. Facing a 100-strong panel of judges, the stars must not only deliver the performance of a lifetime, but also encourage the panellists to join in too. The more judges each singer manages to win over, the better their chances of proceeding to the grand final.
8.20 **Casualty.** New COO Avis Baxter arrives to find Holby in chaos. The hospital is at capacity, and a queue of ambulances laden with deteriorating patients is only making matters worse. Alicia is horrified when Ethan tows the management line, stating no more locums or nurses will be made available, and when his decisions result in a serious case of sepsis being missed, and breaks the rules to get the patient - an injured chef - into resus. Meanwhile, eager new F1 Bea faces a trial by fire in the ED after offloading her 'uninteresting' patients on old medical school pal Rash, and Charlie's plans to wine and dine Duffy on their anniversary fall short of the mark.
9.10 **BBC News:** Weather.
9.30 **Hard Sun.** The brutal murder of a night jogger has dire personal implications for both Renko and Daniel, and places Hicks at odds with a colleague he has come to respect.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Burnley v Manchester City, Manchester United v Huddersfield Town and Arsenal v Everton; National Lottery Update.
11.55 **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman is joined by Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to look ahead to Super Bowl LII.
12.25 **Film:** Ill Manors. (2012) **2.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 The Wonder of Animals. (R) **6.40** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **7.10** The Pets Factor. **7.30** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **7.45** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **8.00** The Designers. **8.30** Deadly Top 10. (R) **9.00** Robot Wars. (R) **10.00** Robot Wars. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** The Hairys Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure. (R) **1.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. Spain v Great Britain. **3.30** Nigel Slater's Middle East. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Flog It! (R)
6.00 **Hugh's Wild West.** Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's West Country tour continues as he visits the Somerset Levels, where he witnesses the natural spectacle of huge flocks of starlings swirling in the sky as they come in to roost for the winter. He also discovers how the Levels' dedicated volunteers have helped to maintain crucial reedbeds, which have now become havens for rare bitterns and great white egrets. Plus, Hugh observes the large blue butterfly, which has been brought back to the region from near-extinction, and meets nature enthusiast Stephen Hembury, who has been capturing local wildlife on film, but is having little luck recording elusive hares.
7.00 **A House Through Time.** David Olusoga concludes the house's story, revealing how it was once almost demolished, then became a home for creative people and meeting the current owner. Last in the series. (R)
8.00 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring is accused of leaving a light burning in the church hall during a blackout, and receives a summons to appear in court. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)
8.30 **Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs.** Paul Merton embarks on a journey from Lairg on Loch Shin to Lochinver and finally, to the summit of Suilven - one of the most distinctive mountains in Scotland.
9.00 **QI XL.** Jason Manford, Jimmy Carr and Victoria Coren Mitchell join Alan Davies and Sandi Toksvig for an extended edition of the unconventional quiz.
9.45 **Live at the Apollo.** (R)
10.30 **Film:** The Talented Mr Ripley. (1999)
12.40 **Film:** Albatross. (2011) **2.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.20** Dancing on Ice. (R) **1.20** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** **Film:** Evan Almighty. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **3.15** Catchphrase. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)
6.00 **Regional Programme:** Weather.
6.05 **ITV News:** Weather.
6.15 **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill introduces more viewer-submitted comedy clips, including a drone's destructive encounter with an errant baseball, and a photo-shiv seal.
6.40 **Take Me Out.** Men from Leeds, Dublin, Edinburgh and Swansea seek the approval of the 30 single ladies sitting on Paddy McGuinness's panel.
8.00 **The Voice UK.** The Blind Auditions enter their fifth week, as Will.I.am, Jennifer Hudson, Olly Murs and Tom Jones reassemble to assess the singing skills of more would-be stars. Emma Willis ushers the contestants on-stage where, yet again, the coaches must decide whether they would like to back each performer based on the power of their voice, rather than their appearance. Only once a coach decides to support the singer are they permitted to turn their chair around, and any of the contestants chosen could be in with a chance of securing a recording contract with Polydor.
9.30 **Through the Keyhole.** Keith Lemon infiltrates the homes of another three mystery celebrities, and challenges Shane Richie, Rachel Riley and Alex James to guess "who habitates in a house like this".
10.30 **ITV News:** Weather.
10.45 **Film:** Lethal Weapon. (1987) Action thriller, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover.
12.40 **Jackpot247.** **3.00** Babushka. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **6.45** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** The King of Queens. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **9.55** Frasier. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.25** Coast vs Country. (R) **3.25** A Place in the Sun. (R) **4.30** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R) **5.35** The Supertv. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the landscape of north-west Portugal as they embark on a voyage down the Rio Douro. It's a journey that combines two of their favourite things - water and wine - as they follow the route taken by Yorkshire-born port entrepreneur Baron Forrester, and visit some stunning wine estates. The couple also stop off at the Factory House, a traditional English gentlemen's club that lies in the heart of the city of Porto. (R)
8.00 **Village of the Year with Penelope Keith.** Five villages from the Central Zone, which reaches from the west of Ireland to the Midlands, compete for a place in the final, as judges Alex Langlands, Patrick Grant and Juliet Sargeant assess their merits.
9.00 **Film:** Suffragette. (2015) Premiere. A woman joins a campaign to gain the right to vote in 1912. She and her allies find their peaceful protests accomplishing little in the face of an unwavering state, so resort to increasingly violent measures, risking everything they have in the pursuit of political justice. Period drama, starring Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter, Anne-Marie Duff and Meryl Streep.
11.10 **Film:** About Time. (2013) A man learns he has the ability to travel through time and uses the power to improve his love life. Romantic fantasy comedy, with Domhnall Gleeson and Rachel McAdams.
1.20 The Last Leg. With guest Stephen Fry. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Grace and Trigger's plan backfires. (R) **4.20** Coast vs Country. A woman seeks a new life in north Wales. (R) **5.15** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.40** Funniest Fails, Fails & Flops. **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** The A-Team. (R) **2.00** The A-Team. (R) **3.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.00** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **5.55** 5 News Weekend.
6.00 **The Wonderful World of Puppies.** The canine development documentary continues by exploring how puppies use their key senses - smell, touch, sight and hearing - to absorb information about their new surroundings, and crucially, make a start on broadening their horizons. Six-week-old golden retriever Dakin demonstrates how his ever-developing brain helps improve his stature and coordination, and a litter of bull mastiff pups are left baffled by a mirror. A cocker spaniel destined to become a working dog illustrates how selective breeding can encourage desirable abilities, and a corgi with a big future as a show-dog must first overcome a few crucial hurdles.
7.00 **Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind-Ups.** Joe Pasquale showcases one last selection of pranks, with laughs coming at the expense of Justin Timberlake and Louis Walsh, among others. Last in the series.
8.00 **Blind Date.** A white witch from Preston seeks to cast her spell on three eligible bachelors, and former military man Dean from Wiltshire sets out to find his dream girl. Last in the series.
9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Sheffield United, Aston Villa v Burton Albion and Leeds United v Cardiff City.
9.55 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Bristol Rovers v Shrewsbury Town and Plymouth Argyle v Blackburn Rovers.
10.25 **The X-Files.** (R)
11.15 **The X-Files.** (R)
12.10 SuperCasino. **3.10** **Film:** Vampire Academy. (2014) **4.45** House Doctor. (R) **5.10** Great Artists. (R) **5.35** House Busters. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean
8.00 Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World **12.00** Spiral **11.05** Top of the Pops: 1985 **12.10** Elvis: That's Alright Mama 60 Years On **1.10** Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean **2.10** Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World **3.10** Close
ITV2
12.00 Take Me Out **1.15** Totally You've Been Framed! **Gold 2.00** Film: Yogi Bear (2010) **3.20** FYI Daily **3.25** Film: Yogi Bear (2010) **4.00** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.45** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **9.00** Film: 22 Jump Street (2014) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: 22 Jump Street (2014) **11.15** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.10** Release the Hounds **2.05** Ibiza Weekender **3.00** Teleshopping
ITV3
2.55 Film: Columbo: Dagger of the Mind (1972) **4.55** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Foyle's War **1.00** On the Buses **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping
ITV4
1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Sandown. Coverage of today's meetings Sandown Park, Musselburgh, and Wetherby. **4.00** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **5.50** Storage Wars **6.45** Live World Boxing Super Series. Murat Gassiev v Yunier Dorticos. **11.30** Film: Pale Rider (1985) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35** Film: Pale Rider (1985) **1.50** The Professionals **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
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11.30 The Goldbergs **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011) **10.55** Gogglebox **1.05** Naked Attraction **2.10** Rude Tube **3.05** Gogglebox **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.45** Rude(ish) Tube
Film4
11.00 Dunston Checks In (1996) **1.00** Johnny English (2003) **2.45** Carry On Cleo (1964) **4.35** The Family Stone (2005) Festive comedy drama, with Sarah Jessica Parker. **6.45** The River Wild (1994) **9.00** The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) The awkward teenagers find university does not live up to their expectations, and go to Australia in search of adventure. Comedy sequel, starring Simon Bird and James Buckley. **10.55** The Hollow (2015) Premiere. Horror, starring Joseph Mawle. **12.50** Troll Hunter (2010) **3.05** Close

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CHOICE



Shaun Evans

Endeavour (ITV, 8pm)
New series. The newly promoted Detective Sergeant Morse investigates when a famous international thief tries to steal a Faberge egg from an auction. The case leads to the gruesome murders of an academic and a gangster, and Morse is convinced the deaths are the work of the same man. As he struggles with his new responsibilities, he finds himself forced to mentor a younger partner (played by Poldark's Lewis Peek). Shaun Evans, Roger Allam, Anton Lesser, James Bradshaw, Sean Rigby, Dakota Blue Richards, Abigail Thaw, Caroline O'Neill and Sara Vickers star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** The Truth About Getting Fit. (R) **2.15** Wonders of the Moon. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Songs of Praise. **4.20** Film: The Proposal. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds.
6.05 BBC News.
6.20 Regional Programme.
6.30 Countryfile. Reports on winter from around the country. Matt Baker meets a Dorset man championing local winter produce, and Anita Rani discovers the therapeutic benefit of making jewellery. Steve Brown learns to drive a team of huskies, Joe Crowley meets a man with a lifelong passion for deer, Adam Henson visits a farm where gathering the sheep is a risky business, and Ellie Harrison learns about foxes. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.30 Still Open All Hours. Granville and Gastric come up with a romantic plan to persuade Madge and Mavis to stay. However, it involves spending a little more money than the shopkeeper is comfortable with.
8.00 Call the Midwife. Nurse Crane and Trixie investigate when a mother abandons her children at the clinic. When the woman is sent to a neurologist, the results are devastating for the whole family.
9.00 McMafia. Alex is forced to admit the truth as peace negotiations in Istanbul get underway between Semiyon and his enemies, but he does not realise he is about to suffer a further betrayal.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Match of the Day 2. Action from this afternoon's Premier League fixtures – Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur at Anfield and Crystal Palace v Newcastle United at Selhurst Park.
11.15 American Football: Super Bowl LII. New England Patriots v Philadelphia Eagles (Kick-off 11.30pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the showpiece match.
3.50 Weather for the Week Ahead. **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2

7.05 Gardeners' World. (R) **7.35** Countryfile. (R) **8.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. **1.00** Money for Nothing. (R) **1.30** Orson Welles: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.10** Film: Jane Eyre. (1943) **3.45** The Crane Gang. (R) **4.45** Elsie Christie: In from the Cold. **5.15** Ski Sunday.
6.00 Six Nations Rugby Special. Italy v England. John Inverdale presents action from the concluding match of the opening round of fixtures, held at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome.
7.00 New York: America's Busiest City. Ade Adepitan, Anita Rani, Ant Anstead and Dan Snow take a closer look at one of the most powerful cities in the world, focusing on transport links in the first edition. (R)
8.00 Yellowstone: The Blazing Summer. Summer in Yellowstone brings a new challenge for the beavers as their river dries up, while the wolves have a surprising strategy to keep their pups fed. Last in the series. (R)
9.00 Dragons' Den. The panel assesses the profit-making potential of more business ideas, including a range of language-learning children's books and skin care products made out of hemp.
10.00 The Mash Report. Nish Kumar and a cast of comedy correspondents present the satirical and surreal take on the week's news. (R)
10.30 Insert Name Here. Miles Jupp, Kate Williams, Sally Phillips and Roisin Conaty join captains Richard Osman and Josh Widdicombe to answer Sue Perkins' questions about famous people who share a name. (R)
11.00 Cleverman. Boondee becomes the first public victim of the sinister 'Process'. Charlotte suspects there is something terribly wrong with her pregnancy, and Koen is reunited with an old friend.
11.55 Women's Six Nations Highlights. Action from the opening round of fixtures, which featured Wales v Scotland at Parc Eirias, France v Ireland at Stade Ernest Wallon, and Italy v England at Stadio Mirabello.
12.25 Film: Yves Saint Laurent. (2014)
2.05 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **3.05** Holby City. (R) **4.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs the Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.55** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Spy School. **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** River Monsters. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** The Martin Lewis Money Show. (R) **11.30** The Voice UK. (R) **1.00** ITV News: Weather. **1.10** Britain's Brightest Family. (R) **1.40** The Cruise: Return to the Mediterranean. (R) **2.15** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Italy v England (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.30** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.40** ITV News: Weather.
6.00 Dancing on Ice. Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present the next stage as the contest reaches the halfway point, with nine celebrities still in the running to be crowned this year's champion. However, they still need to impress judges Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean, Ashley Banjo and Jason Gardiner with their talents to avoid the skate-off.
8.00 Endeavour. New series. The detective investigates when a famous international thief tries to steal a Faberge egg from an auction - but the case leads to two gruesome murders.
10.00 ITV News: Weather.
10.15 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with Allegra Stratton. (R)
11.15 Next of Kin. Mona is released from custody and agrees to become a tasked witness, which means she will be a covert source for the police in their attempts to bring in her nephew Danny. However, the fallout from her actions at home is disastrous and her marriage comes under more strain than ever. Thriller about a doctor who is drawn into a tangle of betrayal, conspiracy and murder after her brother's kidnapping brings buried family secrets to light, starring Archie Panjabi, Jack Davenport, Claire Skinner and Viveik Kaira. (R)
12.15 Great Art. (R) **1.05** Jackpot247. Interactive game. **3.00** Take on the Twisters. (R) **3.50** ITV NightScreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **6.15** The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35** Film: Never Been Kissed. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Drew Barrymore and Michael Vartan. **4.40** Film: Shark Tale. (2004) Animated comedy, with the voice of Will Smith.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Posh Pawn. The return of the programme offering an insight into the world of high-end pawnbroking. James takes a ride around London in an eye-catching supercar, with an aspiring fitness guru who's looking for £80,000. With her eyes on a round-the-world cruise costing £30,000, an adventurous retiree wants to sell a collection of handbags and jewellery. A car enthusiast contacts memorabilia expert Lawrence about a helmet that once belonged to land speed record-breaker Donald Campbell, and James faces a dilemma when he gets an offer for one of his favourite impulse buys. (R)
8.00 The Biggest Little Railway in the World. The model train is only halfway through its journey to Inverness, but has to drive through bad weather and harsh terrain with the volunteers due to head home. Last in the series.
9.00 SAS: Who Dares Wins. The seven recruits who have made it to the final stage of the contest face the most gruelling challenge so far – which only one of them will complete. Last in the series.
10.00 Mafioso: The Mafia Detective. New series. Italian crime drama following a Sicilian detective who is drawn into a struggle with the Mafia after he witnesses the murder of his best friend and his fiancée.
11.15 Film: Elizabeth. (1998) Elizabeth I's rise to the throne is threatened as enemies within the court and overseas plot to bring about her downfall. Historical drama, with Cate Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush.
1.25 The World's Most Expensive Food. (R) **2.20** The Supertv. (R) **3.15** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms. (R) **4.10** KOTV Boxing Weekly.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.15** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.25** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.35** Wissper. (R) **6.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.50** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.55** Simon. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.20** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.40** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.15** Milkshake!: Paw Patrol. **8.30** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.50** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.35** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits. (R) **1.55** Film: Johnny English Reborn. (2011) Spy comedy sequel, starring the Rowan Atkinson. **3.55** 5 News Weekend. **4.00** Film: The Last Airbender. (2010) Fantasy adventure, starring Noah Ringer. **5.00** 5 News Update. **5.05** Film: The Last Airbender. (2010) Concluded.
6.00 Film: Bulletproof Monk. (2003) A mysterious Tibetan monk is entrusted with protecting an ancient and mystical scroll. As modern-day Nazis seek out the relic in a bid to resurrect the Third Reich, the monk searches for a suitable successor to take over his task – and a pickpocket is the unlikely choice. Martial arts thriller, starring Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott, Jaime King, Victoria Smurfit and Karel Roden. Edited for violence.
8.00 Film: Batman Begins. (2005) Billionaire Bruce Wayne travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice, consumed with rage over his parents' murder. Trained by a secret society, he hones his fighting skills and returns to his home city of Gotham on a mission to rid it of crime and corruption in the guise of a masked vigilante. Comic-book adventure, exploring the origins of the Dark Knight, with Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Cillian Murphy, Gary Oldman and Katie Holmes.
9.00 5 News Update.
9.05 Film: Batman Begins. (2005) Concluded.
10.50 Film: The Punisher. (2004)
1.05 The X-Files. (R) **2.45** SuperCasino. **4.00** Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Cuba with Simon Reeve **9.00** Scotland's Vital Spark: The Clyde Puffer **10.00** Arena: Stanley and His Daughters **11.15** Stanley Spencer: The Colours of the Clyde **11.45** The Story of Maths **1.45** Cuba with Simon Reeve **2.45** Art, Passion & Power: The Story of the Royal Collection **3.45** Close
ITV2
11.40 Take Me Out **1.00** The Voice UK **2.30** Film: Beethoven (1992) **3.30** FYI Daily **3.35** Film: Beethoven (1992) **4.10** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.55** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Teleshopping
ITV3
11.50 Lewis **1.50** A Touch of Frost **3.50** Inspector Morse **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **11.00** Film: The Constant Gardener (2005) **1.30** Blue Murder **2.45** George and Mildred **ITV4**
11.10 Pawn Stars **1.00** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **2.00** FYI Daily **2.05** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **3.15** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **5.05** Film: Thunderball (1965) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** Film: Thunderball (1965) **7.50** Hornblower **10.00** Film: Source Code (2011) **11.05** FYI Daily **11.10** Film: Source Code (2011) **11.55** Film: The Gauntlet (1977) **12.55** FYI Daily **1.00** Film: The Gauntlet (1977) **2.05** The Professionals **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
1.05 Toy Story Toons: Small Fry **1.15** The Big Bang Theory: Go Dating **5.45** The Big Bang Theory **6.45** Film: The Devil Wears Prada (2006) **9.00** Celebs Go Dating **10.00** Film: This Means War (2012) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory **1.00** Celebs Go Dating **2.00** First Dates
Film4
1.00 Catch That Kid (2004) **2.55** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **4.35** Dante's Peak (1997) **6.45** The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013) **9.00** No Escape (2015) **11.05** Queen and Country (2014) **1.20** Atonement (2007) **3.45** Close

EVERY FRIDAY!

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
The Silence of the Lambs, Channel 5, 10pm
 Trainee FBI agent Clarice Starling is sent to interview an imprisoned psychopath with a taste for eating his victims. The inmate offers to help catch a serial killer who is holding a politician's daughter hostage - but to learn what he knows, Clarice has to engage in his dangerous mind games. Jonathan Demme's Oscar-winning thriller, based on Thomas Harris's novel, starring Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins, Scott Glenn and Ted Levine. (1991)

TUESDAY
The Devil's Teardrop, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A serial killer terrorises Washington DC, with a ransom note the only clue to his identity. A handwriting analyst agrees to help the FBI with their investigation, but also has to deal with fighting his ex-wife for custody of their children. Crime drama based on Jeffery Deaver's novel, starring Tom Everett Scott and Natasha Henstridge. (2010)



WEDNESDAY
Midnight Stallion, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A 15-year-old girl and her parents are desperate to save their struggling farm, and when they discover a wild stallion in a nearby forest they begin to wonder if it could be the answer to their prayers. Drama, starring Kris Kristofferson. (2013)

THURSDAY
Abducted: The Carlina White Story, Channel 5, 3.15pm
 A couple take their three-week-old baby to a hospital for treatment, but she is snatched by a woman desperate for a child. She raises the infant as her own for years, but as the girl grows up, she begins to suspect the truth and resolves to investigate her kidnapping and find her parents. Fact-based drama, starring Keke Palmer and Anjunae Ellis. (2012)

FRIDAY
Looper, BBC2, 11.05pm
 A hitman employed to kill people who have been sent back in time finds his latest target is his future self. Sci-fi thriller, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Bruce Willis. (2012)

Will the truth still be out there for Mulder and Scully?

Bringing shows back from the dead is all the rage these days – and it's probably all Doctor Who's fault.

The much-loved sci-fi show was axed in 1989, was revived in 1996 for a lacklustre TV movie and then disappeared again until 2005 when it made a triumphant return; it's now one of the BBC's biggest hits, with the next run set to shake things up when, for the first time, a woman (Broadchurch star Jodie Whittaker) will play the Time Lord.

In May 2017, David Lynch's surreal Twin Peaks returned after a 26-year hiatus, but before that, The X Files ended its 14-year exile with a well-received 10th season.

When we caught up with its main characters – FBI agents Mulder and Scully – the duo had been living separate lives for years; she was working at her medical practice, while he ploughing his own furrow. They were initially brought back together by a cable TV host who wanted them to help him expose a sinister organisation he believed

had the power to control the American public.

What came as a big surprise was that Channel 5 bagged the chance to broadcast it in this country rather than the BBC, who had the rights to the original run, or Sky.

Prior to it being shown in the UK, some speculated that perhaps the big guns hadn't wanted the show because it had lost its sparkle. However, their fears were soon dispelled – despite some critics being unkind, fans were thrilled by each episode.

Now it's back for a new run of 10 tales, but there's some sadness attached to that – Gillian Anderson has already announced that she's played Scully for the final time; even if The X Files returns, she will no longer be a part of it – so enjoy her appearance here while you can.

Really, her decision to return to the programme that made her name was something of a surprise. In recent years she's become highly sought after on both sides of the Atlantic thanks to acclaimed

performances in The Fall, Great Expectations, The Crimson Petal and the White, War and Peace and Hannibal; Anderson no longer needs the boost to her career that The X Files once gave her.

She is, however, in the thick of things during the first episode, which begins when Mulder finds Scully unconscious on the floor of their FBI office.

It's discovered that her brain is in a frenzy of activity, and when she eventually awakes, Scully claims she has had a premonition that suggest the end of the world is nigh – and the only person who can prevent that happening is their mysterious son William.

Will the duo find him? What will he look like, and is his mother right about his ability to save the planet?

We don't know yet, but there's another question that needs to be answered: Anderson may have quit, but will her co-star, David Duchovny, be willing to return?

Nobody knows, but the truth is out there...



Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny, The X-Files, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

WEDNESDAY
Eurovision: You Decide BBC2, 7.30pm
 The Brighton Dome has an important place in Eurovision history – it's the venue where Abba, arguably the contest's biggest gift to the world, won in 1974 with Waterloo. But will some of their magic rub off on this year's would-be UK representatives as they take to the stage in the hope of being chosen by the public and a panel of experts? The acts battling it out are former Britain's Got Talent contestant Asanda, girl group Goldstone, soul singer Jaz Ellington, musical theatre actor Jaz Ellington, DJ and singer RAYA and SuRie, who has previously performed as a backing vocalist at Eurovision. Meanwhile, another Swedish champion, 2015 winner MÅNS Zelmerl'w, joins Eurovision superfan Mel Giedroyc on hosting duties.



Lethal Weapon, Friday, ITV, 9pm

likely to become millionaires than people who were born here? Liverpool-based Palestinian Marwan Koukash would seem to be proof that hard work does pay off. He arrived in 1976 with just £200 and is now a multi-millionaire with several business interests and a string of prize-winning racehorses.

He wants to give something back to his adoptive country by offering four unemployed people a two-week work trial and the chance to be mentored by him.

Will they rise to the challenge and prove they have the right attitude to get a permanent job at the end of the placement?

THURSDAY
Winter Olympics: Countdown to the Games BBC2, 7pm
 The funding of winter sports in the UK has more than doubled since the Winter Olympics in Sochi in 2014, and it's hoped that will be reflected in Team GB's performance this year – their

medal target for the games in PyeongChang, South Korea, is between eight and 12. On the eve of the opening ceremony, Clare Balding meets some of the athletes who are hoping to contribute to that tally including short track speed skater Elise Christie, who is looking for redemption after the heartbreak of being disqualified three time in Sochi, and skeleton bob star Lizzy Yarnold, who aims to become the first Briton to retain a Winter Olympic gold medal. But as well as looking ahead to the Games, Balding will also be learning more about the host country – including the impact of the rising tensions between neighbouring North Korea and the USA.

FRIDAY
Lethal Weapon
ITV, 9pm
 Although Lethal Weapon (the films, as well as this TV series) are primarily action dramas, they have always had a strong comedy element. And this comes to the fore this week as Thomas Lennon's Leo Getz returns, which pushes Murtaugh (Damon Wayans) and Riggs (Clayne Crawford) to up their banter game. Tonight's story follows the cops as they investigate a death that occurred moments before the victim won a fortune on a horse race.

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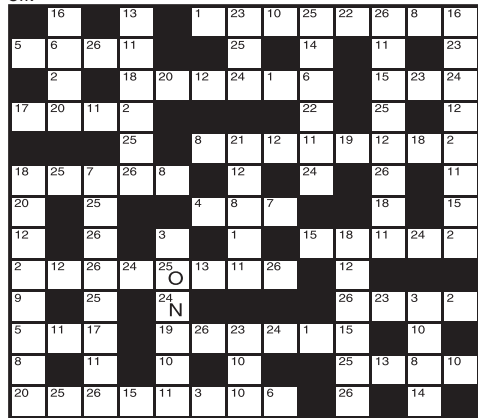
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	V	H	T	R	D	O	S	Z	K	N	F	W
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

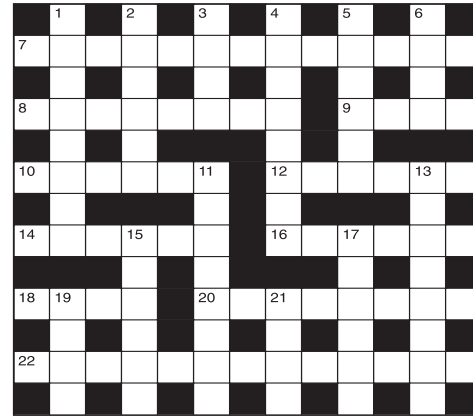
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Even the nudist will require this! (4,9)
8. Hero-worship adroitly adjusted (8)
9. Some of them matched a favourite of the Janeites (4)
10. Business proposition is far from tough (6)
12. & 14Ac. A person of corresponding significance (6-6)
14. See 12 Across
16. Takes off the narrow pieces (6)
18. That is about five hundred and fifty unemployed (4)
20. Can start to do business somehow (8)
22. Shouldered the burden before nightfall and won (7,3,3)

Down

1. Artist who was an observer of the country (8)
2. Fastened up impressively? (6)
3. See 19 Down
4. Engineer gets bikes and uses the scrap again (8)
5. A track made by mountaineers (6)
6. Check the flower-holder (4)
11. They cease to exist if they're easy to find (8)
13. Particular pieces rewritten by nearly everybody (8)
15. He gets nothing in an attempt to produce an abstract idea (6)
17. An unusual spread had a jarring effect (6)
19. & 3Dn. Exhausted dropout (8)
21. Dramatic pieces following the gospels (4)



Quick Clues:

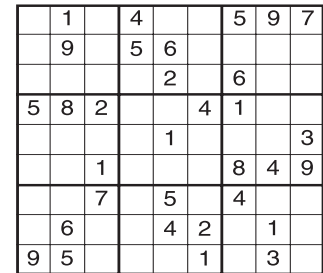
Across

7. Blameworthy (13)
8. Music writer (8)
9. Departed (4)
10. Gambol (6)
12. Sermonize (6)
14. Abut (6)
16. Seemly (6)
18. Heroic (4)
20. Secretly (8)
22. Inclusive (13)

Down

1. Consumed (8)
2. Drive (6)
3. In this way (4)
4. Brave (8)
5. Unmarried (6)
6. Open tart (4)
11. Ponder (8)
13. Private meeting (8)
15. Fill (6)
17. Fondle (6)
19. Indigent (4)
21. Lament (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	8	5	9	4	2	7	1	6
2	1	9	7	5	6	4	3	8
7	6	4	8	3	1	9	5	2
9	3	6	2	1	7	5	8	4
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1	4	7	6	2	8	3	9	5
8	5	3	1	9	4	2	6	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Apes; 8 Communique; 9 Feathers; 10 Post; 12 Stroke; 14 Spruce; 15 Cinema; 17 Rating; 18 Gnat; 19 Pastiche; 21 Plantation; 22 Side. Down: 2 Pedestrian; 3 Scot; 4 Ampere; 5 Curses; 6 Dispirit; 7 Rest; 11 Rustic; 18 Gaps; 20 Inns.
QUICK - Across: 1 Toss; 8 Earthquake; 9 Pretence; 10 Gape; 12 Ignite; 14 Driver; 15 Foster; 17 Brewer; 18 Tar; 19 Consider; 21 Disappoint; 22 Amen. Down: 2 Outrageous; 3 Sent; 4 Orange; 5 Shield; 6 Quagmire; 7 Mete; 11 Preference; 13 Interval; 16 Recipe; 17 Bandit; 18 Tidy; 20 Iota.

Quiz

1. Goths were divided into Visigoths and which other group?
2. What was founded in 1903 as the first English garden city?
3. In Christianity, what are the highest order of angels called?
4. Which poet won the 1948 Nobel prize for literature?
5. Which clan conspired with the English in the Glencoe massacre?

6. Where was the British Unknown Soldier buried in 1920?
7. Of what is stinkhorn a species?
8. Which incendiary liquid is a mixture of naphthenic and palmitic acids?
9. What is the oldest British university?
10. What is the hybrid between a blackberry and a raspberry called?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Paradise Regained; 2 The Velvet Underground; 3 Dwight Eisenhower; 4 New Hebrides; 5 Prime minister (of Ireland); 6 Jeremy Bates; 7 Black Widow; 8 Carol Ann Duffy; 9 Dr Graham Leonard; 10 Nigeria.
Niner: SNOWFIELD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a rhyme,
gives a composition,
gives a German song.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Well-presented detached close to Cannock Chase

A well presented four bedroom detached house set in a well established and sought after residential area in Asquith Drive, Heath Hayes, is for sale through Lovett & Co at £250,000.

The property is close to Cannock Chase, an area of outstanding natural beauty. It has good schooling, a supermarket, post office, dentist and bus routes; all within walking distance. Its location provides ease of access to Cannock town centre and commuter routes including the A460, A5 and M6 toll road linking the Midlands motorway network.

On the ground floor this home has a porch, a reception hallway, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a conservatory, a guest WC, utility and a garage. On the first floor there are four bedrooms with an en-suite to the master and a family bathroom. The property has double glazing and central heating throughout.

The property also has a garage and gardens.

The lounge has a feature fireplace with a fitted gas fire set on a raised stone hearth with an Adams surround, laminate flooring, coving, a bay window to the front and a door to the dining room.

Upstairs, the master bedroom has a built-in wardrobe, carpeted flooring, two windows to the front and a door to its en-suite shower room.

Bedroom two is positioned to the rear and has a built-in wardrobe and carpeted flooring.

Bedroom three also has carpeted flooring and a built-in wardrobe and is positioned to the front of the property. Bedroom four has carpeted flooring, a built-in wardrobe and has views over the rear garden.

The family bathroom has a white suite including a bath with a shower attachment, a wash hand basin, low level WC, wall tiling and vinyl flooring.

At the front is a block paved drive with parking for two/three vehicles leading to the front entrance door and garage.

HEATH HAYES £250,000



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D B Roberts Sales Director, Matt Hill, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have this recognition, after a record breaking year of sales of property by auction during 2017. Many people still think that sales by auction all take place in large salerooms, with bidders having to be in the room, as seen in the TV series 'Homes Under The Hammer', but nothing could be further from reality.

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Iam Sold Managing Director, Jamie Cooke, added: "We love working with D B Roberts because not only do they give great help and advice

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Recently-built bungalow is fitted to high standard

A recently built three-bedroomed bungalow, 8a Littlewood Road, Cheslyn Hay, is deceptively spacious and fitted to a high specification.

In a popular residential area, in a much sought-after village, it is for sale through Boot & Son Estate Agents at £225,000.

It has a reception hall with solid oak flooring and down-lighters, a lounge with a feature oak floor, feature fireplace and French doors to the

CHESLYN HAY
£225,000

garden. There is also a kitchen with modern white units and oak work surfaces, an electric built-in oven, built-in microwave, gas hob, fridge, freezer, automatic dishwasher, plumbing for automatic washing machine, solid oak floor and an ideal combination condensing central heating unit.

Of the three bedrooms, one has a built-in wardrobe and the bathroom is fully tiled, having a white/chrome suite, a chrome heated towel rail, down-lighters and ceramic tiled floor.

The forecourt is block paved providing extensive off-road parking.

The gardens incorporate lawns and a paved terrace.

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- Driveway

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HEATH HAYES
DENBURY CLOSE



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- Lounge, dining room
- Kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Driveway
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CANNOCK
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- Central heating
- Driveway, gated access
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- Modern bathroom
- Awaiting EPC rating
- NO CHAIN

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CANNOCK
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- Bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- Workshop
- Awaiting EPC rating

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- Conservatory/Utility area
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- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear
- Driveway and garage
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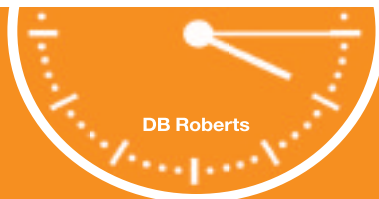


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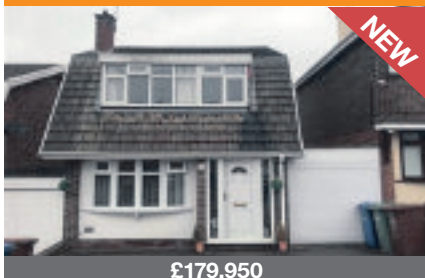
- End Terrace House • Three Bedrooms
- En Suite To The Master • Guest WC
- Driveway • EPC = C

Packington Mews Cannock



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- Kitchen Diner & Lounge • Rear Garden
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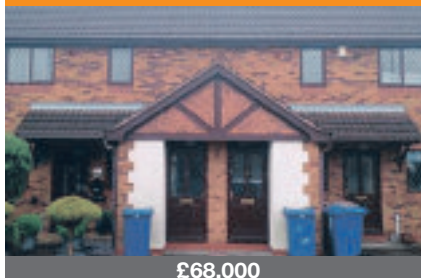
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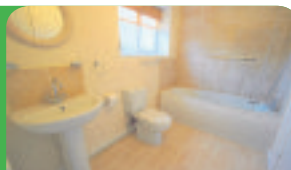
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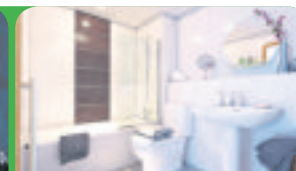
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Lounge
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EPC D

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Ground Floor Apartment
Two Bedrooms
Kitchen / Diner
Bathroom
Allocated Parking
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Leasowe Road, Rugeley



Offers Around £125,000

Terraced Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
Front & Rear Gardens
EPC D

Sycamore Green, Cannock



Offers Around £135,000

Semi Detached Property
Two Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen / Diner
Utility Room
EPC C

Blake Close, Cannock



NEW



Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
Rear Garden
EPC D

Offers Around
£145,000

Field Street, Cannock



Offers Around £130,000

Semi Detached Property
Two Bedrooms
Lounge
Dining Room
Rear Garden
EPC E

Lichfield Road, Armitage



Offers Around £170,000

Semi Detached Bungalow
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Garage
NO CHAIN
EPC C

John Street, Cannock



Offers Around £185,000

Domer Semi Detached Bungalow
Four Bedrooms
Fitted Kitchen
Rear Garden
Garage
EPC E

Walters Close, Hednesford



REDUCED

Offers Around £180,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
Rear Garden
EPC B

Uttoxeter Road, Handsacre



NEW

Offers Around £190,000

End Terrace Property
Three Bedrooms
Two Bathrooms
Off Road Parking
NO CHAIN
EPC C

Stoneyfields Close, Cannock



NEW

Offers Around £230,000

Detached Bungalow
Two Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
Garage
EPC E

Albert Street, Hednesford



NEW



Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
NO UPWARD CHAIN
EPC D

Offers Around
£240,000

Station Road, Hednesford



Offers Around £240,000

Detached Property
Four Bedrooms
Lounge Area
Rear Garden
NO CHAIN
EPC E

The Meadows, Cannock



Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Kitchen
NO CHAIN
EPC C

Offers Around
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Broad Lane, Essington



NEW



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3 1 D

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CHESLYN HAY, MOUNT PLEASANT

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- Immaculately presented interiors
- Three bedrooms with en-suites
- Viewing highly recommended

3 3 C

Great Wyrley Office - £315,000



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- Double Garage
- No Upward Chain

5 1 D

Great Wyrley Office - £289,950



WILLENHALL, STROUD AVENUE

- Impressive detached property
- Immaculate, contemporary interiors
- Three reception rooms
- Ample off-road parking

4 2 D

Burntwood Office - £250,000



CHASE TERRACE, MORLEY ROAD

- Spacious dormer bungalow
- Prime residential location
- Open plan breakfast / diner
- Ample off road parking

4 1 D

Burntwood Office - £180,000



BURNTWOOD, TUDOR CLOSE

- Semi-detached residence
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Through lounge, conservatory
- Utility area off lobby

3 1 C

Burntwood Office - £175,000



LICHFIELD, WATLING STREET

- Mid-terraced bungalow
- Village location of Wall
- Driveway parking
- No upward chain

2 1 D

Great Wyrley Office - £99,950



BRIDGTOWN, UNION STREET

- End-terraced period property
- Ideal for FTB / investor
- Close to Cannock's amenities
- No onward chain

2 1 D



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Priory Avenue, Hawksyard

£172,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, being situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Bedroom One with Shower En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway

St Johns Drive, Hawksyard

£149,950



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom townhouse, being ideal for first time buyers or investors. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear and GARAGE with parking in separate block.

Durham Drive, Rugeley

£259,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this five bedroom extended detached family home. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Two Reception Rooms, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen and Utility Room. Landing to Five Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway providing parking for several vehicles leading to Garage and Garden to rear.

Old Eaton Road, Rugeley

£140,000

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Downstairs Bathroom, Lounge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

Highland Way, Rugeley

£179,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom link detached home, situated in a sought after location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Refitted Breakfast Kitchen and Dining Room. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway for two vehicles to Garage and Garden to rear.

Watson Close, Rugeley

£124,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge and Refitted Kitchen. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Covered Carport and Gardens to front and rear.



Jubilee Street, Rugeley

£127,500

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this traditional three bedroom semi detached home, being close to local amenities. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Inner Lobby, Guest Cloakroom and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear.



Lower Lodge, Armitage

£139,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom mobile home, situated on a corner plot adjacent to woodland. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge to Open Plan Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Parking and Good sized gardens to all sides. "MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE"



Dyke Road, Armitage

£174,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, in the sought after village of Armitage. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for parking and Gardens to front and rear.



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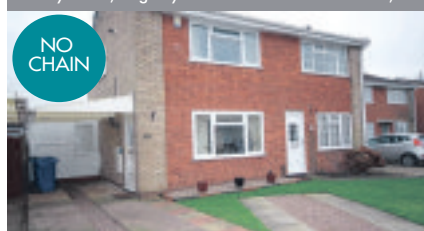
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Walnut Court, Brereton £164,950



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location on a sought after estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

Albany Drive, Rugeley £140,000



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom semi detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Conservatory. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Gardens to front and rear.

The Shrubbery, Brereton

£239,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Guest Cloakroom. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway providing parking for several vehicles to Garage and Garden to rear.

Horsefair, Rugeley

£75,000



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom ground floor apartment, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Communal Entrance to Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Refitted Bathroom and Two Bedrooms. Allocated parking and small Courtyard Garden. TOWN CENTRE LOCATION

Cambrian Lane, Rugeley

£134,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, situated close to local amenities. Accommodation having Hallway, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear with Detached Garage with parking

The Lindens, Rugeley

£180,000



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this modern, three bedroom, three storey semi detached home, situated within walking distance to town centre. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom and Breakfast Kitchen. Stairs to Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Further Stairs to Master Bedroom and En Suite Shower Room. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN.



Lockside View, Rugeley

£229,950



● JR Properties are pleased to offer this well presented four bedroom, three storey family home. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Utility Room and Guest Cloakroom. First Floor Landing with Office Area, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Bedroom Two, Family Shower Room and Second landing to Two further Double Bedrooms. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.



Boothurst Road, Hawkseyard

£219,950



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom modern detached family home, being situated on the sought after Hawkseyard Estate. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and south facing Garden to rear.



Cherry Tree Road, Brereton

£159,950



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Lean To. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Off road parking and Garden to front with Good Sized Garden to Rear.



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262 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
located in Popular Residential Area of the Town Convenient for Facilities Locally at Bideford Way

- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating tbc

£189,950 FREEHOLD

18 VIEWFIELD AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN



DETACHED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford and Cannock Centre

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Shower room
- Detached garage
- Corner plot gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (67)

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40 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED, IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING SELF CONTAINED FLAT SUITABLE FOR EXTENDED FAMILY OCCUPANCY MATURE WELL STOCKED GARDENS In Much Sought After Residential Area Adjoining Cannock Park To The Rear

- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Games/hobby/play room
- Five bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Shower room
- Self contained flat (currently let on AST)
- Double integral garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- EPC rating D (66)

£615,000 FREEHOLD

8 COLLIERS WAY, HUNTINGTON




WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE Offering Accommodation On Three Floors located In Popular Position

- Reception hall & cloakroom
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two first floor bedrooms and ensuite shower room
- Two second floor bedrooms with Wc
- Family bathroom
- Garage & gardens
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (79)

£195,000 FREEHOLD

9 STATION ROAD, PELSALL



A PRESTIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities at Pelsall Village Centre

- Two reception rooms
- Luxury fitted kitchen
- Cloakroom and first floor study
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom and 2 ensuite
- Garage and landscaped gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating tbc

£310,000

14 BRINDLEY BANK ROAD, RUGELEY



INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gardens and off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (81)

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FLAT 4 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

NEW PRICE



WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£139,950

51 DRUIDS AVENUE, ALDRIDGE

NEW PRICE **NO CHAIN**



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in Much Sought After Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Well stocked gardens
- Detached garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (67)

£279,950 FREEHOLD

THE COTTAGE, BROADHURST GREEN ROAD, HEDNESFORD



TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE WITH RANGE OF OUTBUILDINGS AND LAND EXTENDING TO APPROX 2.5 ACRES

- Open plan lounge/kitchen area
- Bathroom
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Outside utility room
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Extensive range of outbuildings
- Occupation subject to being solely or mainly employed in agriculture or forestry industry
- EPC rating E (47)

£310,000 FREEHOLD

15 CLARION WAY, WEST CHADSMOOR

NO CHAIN



TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance hall
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Corner plot gardens
- EPC rating C (69)

£129,950 FREEHOLD

5 WAVENEY GROVE, CANNOCK.



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac In Much Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Vestibule
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Rear porch, cloakroom with WC
- Five bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and refitted bathroom
- Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£385,000 FREEHOLD

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1 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Located In Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance Hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating: D (68)

£575pcm

17 WOODFORD WAY, HEATH HAYES



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & built-on garage (Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers allowed)
- EPC rating: D (68)

£695pcm

199A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR



REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Double glazed
- Electric heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (40)

£440pcm

59 EDWARD STREET, BROOMHILL, CANNOCK



SPACIOUS TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Extensive off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (57)

£700pcm

22 PRINCESS STREET, CANNOCK



AN IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Extensive off road parking
- Gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (61)

£650pcm

3 OAKDENE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (77)

£875pcm

41 CURBOROUGH ROAD, LICHFIELD



SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE Located In Popular Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Guests cloakroom
- Rear entrance lobby
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (65)

£695pcm

4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE

Located In Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall & cloakroom
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Family bathroom & three en-suites
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Gardens & garage
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating C (79)

£1350pcm

5 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating D (68)

£575pcm

22 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heater
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (70)

£550pcm

234 BRADBURY LANE, HEDNESFORD



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- DSS considered
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (57)

£575pcm

7 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Ensuite shower room
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (75)

£650pcm

5 LANCASTER HOUSE, HEATH HAYES



REFURBISHED GROUND FLOOR FLAT IN CUL-DE-SAC Location Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Double bedroom
- Refitted bathroom
- Electric heating
- Part double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£475pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD



WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In Sought After Residential Area And Been Newly Decorated Throughout

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£750pcm

11 THE WILLOWS, CANNOCK



RECENTLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In A Popular Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Large garden
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating: D (55)

£530pcm

APARTMENT 4 MANOR COURT, 7A TANHOUSE FARM ROAD, SOLIHULL



WELL EQUIPPED FROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Conveniently Located In A Much Sought After Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space & communal grounds
- Electric heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry No smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (73)

£625pcm

21 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Lift facility
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers allowed
- EPC rating C (71)

£550pcm

64 SWEETBRIAR WAY, HEATH HAYES



REFURBISHED SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£695pcm

11 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located In Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Secure communal entrance
- Entrance hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: C (74)

£590pcm

18 PRIMROSE MEADOW, HEATH HAYES



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Landscaped gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (70)

£675pcm

FLAT 1 ADAM COURT, NEW PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR FLAT In Sought After Area Convenient For Town Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
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- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (74)

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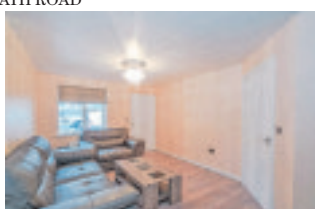
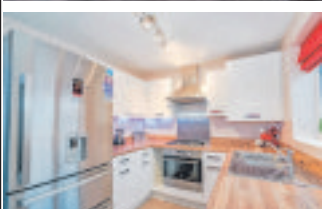
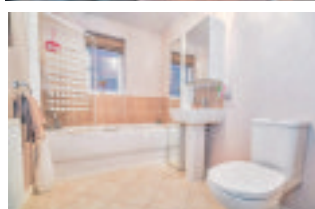



- Traditional Semi
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, Loft Room
- Double Glazed
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- NO CHAIN

\$130,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
GREENHEATH ROAD

- Modern Family Home
- Hallway, Guests WC
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- 3 Bedrooms
- Ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway, Garage

\$200,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
LITTLEWOOD ROAD








- Stunning Family Home
- SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
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- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Attic Room

\$250,000 Offers Over

NEW

CANNOCK
STONELEY LEA ROAD

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- Cannock Town Centre
- Hallway
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway
- Viewing Recommended

\$169,950

NEW

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THE HEATH




- Ground Floor Apartment
- Open Plane Lounge/Kitchen
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- Bathroom
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- Electric Gated Access
- Viewing Recommended

\$100,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES
KENSINGTON PLACE






- Extended 5 Bed Detached
- 4 Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
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- Family Bathroom
- Driveway
- Rear Garden
- Ample Parking

\$300,000

NEW

CANNOCK
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£165,000

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DVLA raises £110m with sale of personalised plates

Sales of personalised number plates hit a record £110 million in the past financial year.

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) said it sold 374,968 plates in the 2016/17 year – 39,968 more than in 2015/16.

The rise coincides with an increase in the number of registrations made available by the DVLA, it says, combined with a sharp rise in the value of rare plates over the past two decades.

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Since the DVLA started selling personalised number plates in 1989, it has generated almost £2.5 billion for the Treasury from five million registrations.

There are currently more than 51 million plates available on the DVLA's website, starting at £250.

But many of the more 'exclusive' plates are sold at higher prices – a lot higher!

Available at special auctions, the top-selling registrations have included 25 O (£518,000), 1 D (£352,000), 51 NGH (£254,000), 1 RH (£247,000) and K1 NGS (£231,000).

Jody Davies, DVLA personalised registrations senior sales manager, said: "The 2016/17 financial year was another successful year for the sale of personalised registrations, which



Many exclusive plates are sold at very high prices

clearly shows that they continue to be popular with motorists.

"People enjoy displaying a personalised registration number for many reasons – it's a fun and affordable way of personalising your car.

"Recent research has shown that many customers choose to display a personalised registration as a way of

marketing their business or their job, while others want it to reflect their name."

She added: "We find many of our customers are choosing to buy them as gifts for family members."

Plates largely come from registration numbers that were never sold or placed on vehicles when originally issued.



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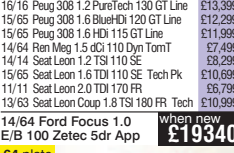
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The Stonic is Kia's first venture into this competitive market sector

In the market for a compact SUV? Then try a Kia Stonic

By Carmel Stewart

Proof, if proof were needed, that the SUV market is taking over the automotive world, comes in the shape of yet another chunky, robust, highly capable model easing its way into the segment to challenge all comers.

In a market which is expected to see European sales doubling to more than two million in the next couple of years, the Kia Stonic may well prove to be a worthy challenger.

Sitting on the Rio supermini platform and built in South Korea, the Stonic is Kia's first venture into this highly competitive market sector. Prices start at £16,295 – so slightly pricier than its rivals – but Kia argues that it has a more extensive standard spec list and that unbeatable seven-year warranty.

As always, Kia has kept things simple with three tried and tested engines, one manual transmission and two trim levels – Grade 2 and First Edition.

The peppy 1.0litre, 118bhp three-cylinder turbo charged petrol unit, well matched to the six-speed manual transmission will, more than likely, be top choice for most buyers. Not only will it average 56.5mpg but it will also zap from a standing start to 60mph in less than ten seconds so, unless you are looking for a getaway vehicle, that should be fast enough for most of us.



Standard specification includes Apple CarPlay

The entry-level 1.4litre, 98bhp petrol, averages 51.4 mpg. It is less powerful than the 1.0litre and is only available with Grade 2 trim but is the lowest priced.

The 1.6litre, 108bhp turbo diesel sits less comfortably under the bonnet of the Stonic than the petrol units. Certainly, it has more torque than the others and it'll be first choice for anyone who needs to soak up the miles, averaging as it does 67.3mpg. It also clocked up the lowest CO2 but it wasn't as quiet or as much fun.

If an auto is a must there is one available but no 4WD is on the cards as, surprisingly, the take-up for all-wheel drive in this sector of the market is only eight per cent.

On the road, the Stonic is a sweet, smooth, solid performer, offering a comfortable, composed, enjoyable drive, presenting no problems right from the off.

Being engineered with European roads in mind, its well-tuned suspension, responsive steering and high driving position all engender confidence. Road holding, even when pushed into sharp corners, is unwavering, thanks in part at least to the standard fit electronic stability control and vehicle stability management which combine to do pretty much as described, keeping the vehicle firmly on the straight and narrow.

Standard spec includes 17-inch alloys, skid plates, air con, all-round electric windows, roof rails, rear parking sensors, Bluetooth and LED daytime running lights, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity with smartphone integration.

Electronic safety aids, which even just a few years ago were very expensive optional extras, are now fitted as standard by many manufacturers – Kia Included.

Hill start assist is standard across the range as is vehicle stability management while autonomous emergency braking, lane departure warning, high beam assist, driver attention alert and blind spot detection are standard in First Edition.

Also standard on this higher spec model are touch screen navigation with traffic messages, high beam assist which automatically switches the lights between dipped and full beam according to the traffic around it and the local street lighting, contrasting interior colour options, two-tone exterior paint and those delights of winter driving, heated front seats and steering wheel.

The roof, wing mirror casings and rear spoiler can be picked out in either black, lime green, red or orange – which look far better than they sound – depending on the choice of main body colour, and there are colour accents in the interior on the seats and around the lower centre console and display screen areas.

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Fiesta matures from cheeky chappie into a serious adult

By Ian Donaldson

A couple of miles into the test drive I realised the car was humming quietly along the main road – in fourth gear.

If ever you needed a demonstration that the new Fiesta has matured into an even more serious player here it was, with two gears left to go.

At a stroke the best selling car in the UK for the last eight years has turned from cheeky chappie (but loads of fun) into a car that feels bigger and softer and not quite so keen to have a laugh with you.

That certainly applies to the likely biggest seller in the new range, the Zetec trim version with its 100 horsepower engine and – crucially – new six-speed gearbox instead of the previous five.

The Zetec – second up in a Fiesta pecking order stretching from 70 horsepower petrol £12,715 Style to 120 horsepower diesel £21,225 Vignale – is an instant charmer. More so on the inside than out, you'd have to say. The exterior of the latest Fiesta has grown very modestly and is completely restyled, although you might never guess.

That's as fine a compliment to the outgoing model as you could pay; don't mess with a look that's won thousands of sales. The result is a car with space to spare in the front – and a near perfect driving position – but just enough room in the rear for a couple of adults and a boot big enough for a family's supermarket shop but less generous than some of the competition.



The boot is big enough for a supermarket shop

Inside is where the attention needed to be paid, with the old car's dashboard looking increasingly like a relic from the past, littered with meanly sized displays and an excess of tiny buttons. All gone! Replaced in the modern minimalist fashion by a big iPad-like touchscreen that looks smart but doesn't have a lot to say for itself without a satellite navigation map on display (sat nav is standard on some dearer cars, a £300 option on others).

If the all-change interior is much needed step up, the engine choice is mostly as before, which is no bad thing if you enjoy the willing thrum of a three-cylinder petrol unit. Gone is the old and mildly asthmatic 1.25 litre engine, with most new Fiestas using versions of the established 1.0 litre three-cylinder unit in differing outputs – 100/125/140 horsepower and with CO2 readings from as low as 97g/km.

The old 1.5 litre diesel engine remains, in two power outputs (85/120 horsepower, from 82g/km), but will take less than one in ten sales.

The new six-speed manual gearbox will feature in the bulk of new Fiestas, which will have five doors too. Ford is sticking with a three-door option in a market increasingly ditching this choice on the grounds that not enough buyers bother these days to make it worthwhile.

The on-paper list price of most cars is an irrelevance these days and that's absolutely the case with the Fiesta, where 85 per cent of private buyers will opt for a personal contract plan (PCP) that provides a Zetec-spec car from £116 a month over three years and with a £5,000 deposit. That's an increase of £15 a month over the outgoing and a drive in the new one makes that look a sensible investment.

Tweaks to the suspension and clearly a lot of work on soundproofing have changed the Fiesta into a car that quietly soaks up bad British road surfaces, only objecting a little to the biggest bumps, and turning into corners with most of the eagerness of old.

Even with fourth gear standing in for sixth some of the time (blame that newfound quietness) the test drive showed 46mpg in a 100 horsepower version, which never felt underpowered.

If a tiny bit of the puppy dog spirit has gone you have to reckon the payback in refined progress is going to be welcomed by the majority of owners. And there are quicker, firmer ones on the way soon, don't forget.



The exterior of the latest Fiesta has grown very modestly

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By James Parker

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The Honda Civic triumphed in a fiercely competitive group

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Road safety group calls for overhaul of eyesight testing



Road safety organisation GEM Motoring Assist is renewing its call for better regulation of eyesight tests for drivers, saying a more robust system would cut collisions and make roads safer.

GEM says a detailed test of a driver's visual acuity and field of view should be required every 10 years. GEM road safety officer Neil Worth said: "Speeding, drink or drug driving, driving unlicensed – these are responsible for a fraction of the crashes compared with failing to look properly, according to official data. Yet our current testing regime is crude and outdated."

The eyesight test was introduced to the driving test in 1937 and has only been amended in minor ways over the years. It is the only eyesight test drivers are required to undertake until they reach the age of 70. According to GEM, the test is crude and outdated, as it only measures visual acuity (sharpness). It could also quite easily examine a driver's field of view, as is done in many US states, to check whether motorists can see and react to what's happening around them.

Many campaigns over the years have attempted to persuade the government

to introduce measures that would make drivers take a more responsible view, but so far governments have declined to change the current regulations.

GEM believes that regular mandatory eyesight tests for drivers would offer a simple and effective way of reducing collisions caused by defective vision.

Neil Worth adds: "We believe that all drivers should ensure they have an eye test every two years, just to ensure there are no safety concerns about their vision and to deal with any issues at an early stage. We would also like to see every new driver producing evidence of a recent eye test when first applying for a licence, with a mandatory test every 10 years in line with licence renewal."

"To conclude, the current driver eyesight test has not been fit for purpose for a long time, and we believe it is simply no longer acceptable for drivers to self-certify. What's more, many people are staying behind the wheel into their eighties and beyond. This, coupled with the greater volume of traffic and an increase in distractions, both inside and outside the vehicle, points to the clear need for more regular and detailed eyesight testing."

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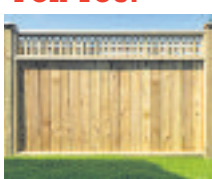
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Public Notices



ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a) THE A5 TRUNK ROAD, (LONGFORD ROUNDABOUT, CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Highways England Company Limited (Company No. 9346363) has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road, at Cannock in the County of Staffordshire, to allow lighting column and sign replacement works to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to, in phases, -

- (1) close the northern and southern parts of the circulatory carriageway of the A5 at its roundabout junction with the A4601 and the access roads leading to and from Linkway Retail Park (Longford Roundabout); and
- (2) prohibit vehicles entering or leaving Longford Roundabout at its junction with -
 - (a) the access/egress road leading to and from Linkway Retail Park; and
 - (b) the A4601

The work will be carried out overnight Monday to Friday between 21:15 hours and 05:15 hours and is expected to start on Monday 5th February 2018 and continue for one month. The Order will come into force on 2 February 2018.

Vehicles being used by the emergency services and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closures. Access to properties will be maintained at all times.

Diversion routes via the A4601 northbound, the A5190 and the A460 and via the A4601 southbound and the A460 will be signed. For further information please contact Don Haggart on 0300 470 3042.

Karen Eustace, an officer in Highways England Company Limited. Highways England Company Limited (Company No. 9346363) registered office: Bridge House, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ. A Company registered in England and Wales.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC
A4601 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council on 30th January 2018 made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in the following lengths of A4601 Wolverhampton Road in Cannock:

1. Between its junction with Wellington Drive and A5 Watling Street
2. From its junction with A5 Watling Street in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 110 metres.

unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes. Access to frontages will be managed by marshalls.

Alternative routes for traffic will be signed on site. For more information, visit: <https://roadworks.org.uk?tm=104342232>

The order will come into operation on 5th February 2018 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date, taking place nightly between the hours of 21:15 and 05:15. It is intended that the work take place in two phases, on the following dates:

1. 5th February 2018 - 25th February 2018
2. 26th February 2018 - 16th March 2018

It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 16th March 2018.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months, or until the Lighting and electrical renewal of Longford Roundabout works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance & Change
No. 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH
Ref: 4096985; Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre; Tel: 0300 111 8000
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders <http://roadworks.org>
Date: 1st February 2018

Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of a western part width of Wolgarston Way at Penkridge, in the District of South Staffordshire.

If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by South Staffordshire District Council, under reference 17/00759/FUL.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Penkridge Parish Council, Haling Dene Centre, Cannock Road, Penkridge ST19 5DT in the 28 days commencing on 01 February 2018, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the address stated below (quoting NATTRAN/WM/S247/3174).

Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dtf.gsi.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyndes House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on 01 March 2018. Any person submitting any correspondence is advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your correspondence.

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"Gladiator" has been reinvented since returning to boxing with his brother Richie in his corner and wants to use this next fight to show why he is a title contender. He said: "Everything is going well. I am getting back into my stride again and I am looking forward to getting back in the ring."

"Having my brother around is fantastic. I am learning every day and I am being pushed to my limit which is what I want."

The show is packed full of local boxers and Ghent is delighted to be involved. "It is really exciting to be fighting in the Genting but I don't think I will be fazed by it," he said.

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Kiwi all-rounder back for a blast with Bears

NEW ZEALAND all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme wants to go 'one step further' after rejoining Birmingham Bears for the 2018 Twenty20 Blast.

The 31-year-old helped the Bears to the final at Edgbaston last year, scoring 322 runs at a strike-rate of 170.32, as well as taking five wickets. In the final, they lost to Nottinghamshire Outlaws by 22 runs and de Grandhomme said he was hoping to go one better this time around.

"I absolutely loved my time with the Bears last season," he said. "We played some excellent T20 cricket and came very close to winning the T20 Blast on Finals Day."

"We've got a young squad with plenty of firepower, and I believe that we have every chance of going one step further in 2018. Playing in-front of a big crowd at Edgbaston with the fans in full voice is a special experience and I'm looking forward to returning to the Bears in July."

Bears' sport director Ashley Giles said: "He went on to play a huge role on our path to the final last year."



Fans line up to drum up support for their team



Living up the atmosphere



Punjabi Wolves and Wolves on Tour link up to enjoy a fun day out at away games

Fans unite to create carnival atmosphere

SPORTING FEATURE

By Joe Edwards

"We want to keep the numbers low, but everybody that comes with us has a good time. We want to be like a family, at the end of the day. We welcome everybody."

from what other people are doing. We want to theme them and have a good time, a carnival."

Wolves on Tour is run by Ash Wilde. The relationship between his group and Punjabi Wolves started with the game at Nottingham Forest in September, which Nuno's men won 2-1.

Sahota added: "Our first travel was to Sunderland in 2007 and all we've wanted is people from all different backgrounds to have a good time – it doesn't matter where you are from. It's about enjoying yourself and partying."

"Ash got in touch with us and it's helped both parties, really – they've got the following, we've got the vibes and the quality. It works hand in hand."

Wilde insists Wolves on Tour came about following the buzz around a Facebook page he set up, called Wolverhampton Wanderers FC News and Chat.

On the partnership with Punjabi Wolves, he said: "It was a great combination, which started with Nottingham Forest away."

"We had been communicating since last season and I knew about the buzz, everything they bring to the away travel."

"Nottingham Forest, we were both talking and said 'let's link up and see how it goes'."

"Since then, we have done Sheffield

United, Man City which was brilliant and Reading with themed travel – a carnival atmosphere. It's just brilliant and it's about being a family and having fun. We started at the tail end of last season, in January, so we are quite new to the game but it's good fun."

"We basically started out from the Facebook page – Wolverhampton Wanderers FC News and Chat – and went on from there."

"We thought we'd have a go at the travelling, and it's good fun."

For Sahota and Wilde, the aim for any away match was to make it enjoyable and memorable for anybody who decides to travel with them.

And Wilde recognises that has been a lot easier to do now Wolves are playing at a very high level, as they have been for the vast majority of this term.

"When the team is playing well, everyone wants to go – there is a good vibe," he added.

"The football is the best I have seen in my lifetime – it's just unreal."

"There is a buzz about everyone, away games sell out in seconds. It's fantastic."

There are currently no further plans for Punjabi Wolves and Wolves on Tour to work together, with both groups focusing on their own activities.

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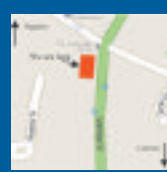
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FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Frustrating afternoon for Pitmen

HEDNESFORD Town were forced to settle for a point after being held to a goalless draw against Whitby Town on Saturday.

It was a frustrating afternoon at Keys Park in the Evo-Stik Premier.

Hednesford were at Matlock for a League Cup tie on Tuesday and visit Farsley Celtic on Saturday.

Chasetown kept up the pace in the race for the Evo-Stik League Division One South play-offs with a 2-1 victory at Leek Town – despite being reduced to nine men.

Scholars were kept out three times by keeper Danny Roberts before Jack Langston finally gave them the lead.

Chasetown doubled their lead five minutes into the second half when Muzzy Nduna volleyed in.

The Scholars were reduced to 10 men when Callum Lovatt received a second yellow card.

Almost immediately, Leek reduced the deficit through substitute Tim Grice.

Chasetown received a second red after Will Whieldon was adjudged to have pushed left-back Jordan Lemon.

Peterborough Sports are the visitors to the Scholars Ground on Saturday.

Regan Smith scored a last-minute winner for **Heath Hayes** as they beat Stafford Town 2-1 at Evans Park. Jack Weldon opened the scoring.

Hayes are at home to Brocton on Saturday.

Withdrawals give boxers more of a fighting chance

BOXERS still involved in BCB's Midlands Boxing Super Series have seen their hopes of lifting the Midlands Area Super Featherweight Title double.

The field has been halved, with four now still standing to lift the crown.

Luke Jones of Chasetown, Brummie Paul Holt, Indi Sangha of Derby and Tamworth's Louis Fielding remain after the withdrawals of Kane Baker, Manny Zaber and Josh Baillie. Jack Summers also no longer features.

The elimination tournament, staged by Errol Johnson's BCB Promotions, starts on Saturday February 10, in the Stadium Suite at Walsall Football Club. There will be no quarter-final ties, with Jones instead taking on Holt and Fielding up against Sangha in the semis.

Home fighter Rachel Ball and Coventry's Jordan Cooke also feature in other offerings.

Tickets are on sale through the boxers on Facebook or online at iboxingtickets.com. Or, call the box office on 01922 651414, extension 416. They cost £35 standard and £60 ringside, the latter to include food. Entry on the night is £40.

Kelly's eye on Open darts slot



Mark Craddock, left, and Liam Kelly

LIAM Kelly and **Mark Craddock** have booked their places at the 'FA Cup of Darts' after coming through qualifiers in Wolverhampton.

Dudley's Kelly and Craddock, of Cannock, fought their way to the last two to get their chance at glory at the 2018 UK Open.

The finals are at Butlin's Min-head from March 2-4, broadcast

on ITV4 and Rileys Sports Bars are working alongside the PDC to produce 32 'wildcards' to join the latter's professionals, making up a 96-strong field.

Kelly and Craddock prevailed from the first weekend of competition, which attracted 196 entrants. The next event is on February 18. Anybody over 16 can compete, but entries cannot be made on the day.

Applications can be made in person at Rileys until 5pm the day before. Call 01902 310521. The online cut-off is 24 hours before at www.rileys.co.uk/tournaments

Entry is £7. There is a strict dress code of trousers, shoes and either a shirt or polo shirt. Players must sign in by midday, with the draw at 12.30pm and the action at 1.30pm.

TABLE-TOPPERS WIN THE DERBY

Cannock 3 Burntwood 24
BURNWOOD went top of Midlands 3 West North after a bonus point win at Cannock and a third straight defeat for Telford.

It was a stop-start affair at The Morgan Ground with both sides falling foul of the referee's whistle along with three yellow cards plus a red for the Cannock tight head prop on the hour.

Despite playing up the slope, the hosts made a strong start and scored what proved to be their only points of the afternoon after just two minutes via a penalty goal.

Cannock conceded a penalty and then lost a player to the sin bin after just eight minutes.

Burntwood capitalised immediately with a series of midfield thrusts that had the home defence backpedalling. Rob Jones went over for the opening try near the corner flag. Aza Dunet's conversion attempt came back off a post.

Lloyd Dunet finished off the next try and put over a fine conversion for a 12-3 interval lead.

Mystery

The opening ten minutes of the second period belonged to Burntwood but they couldn't add to their lead. The hosts were reduced to 14 players for an offence which remained a mystery to the spectators. Burntwood worked their way upfield and a quickly taken tapped penalty allowed replacement Ross Bedworth to squeeze over in the right corner to make it 17-3 after 62 minutes.

Cannock had the chance to reduce the arrears on 74 minutes but a kick at goal was wide of the target. The visitors made sure of the spoils with Luke Rookyard's try converted by Rory Newall, who had earlier been yellow carded.

There were plenty of points in the 2nd XV game at home to Rugeley 2nds but it was the visitors who dominated to win 44-22.

This Saturday The Sportsway hosts two games with the firsts looking to retain their pole position against Edwardians and the 2nd XV hosting Leek 2nds – both kick-offs 2.15pm.

Thomas springs into action



Kristian Thomas with Park Wrekin elite programme head coach Brett Ince

OLYMPIC hero Kristian Thomas has joined the coaching staff at Telford gymnastics club Park Wrekin.

Thomas, who was born in Wolverhampton, trained at Earls Gym, Halesowen and now lives in Cannock, was a 2015 European gold medalist and member of Team GB's bronze medal-winning London 2012 men's artistic gymnastics squad.

He joins Park Wrekin as head of the club's

recreational programme. He was guest of honour at the launch of the club's new premises in September and cut the ribbon to launch a £200,000 investment in new Olympic-quality equipment and facilities.

Christine Still, head coach at Park Wrekin and trust board member said: "We are all very excited by Kristian joining our coaching team."

Thomas said: "I am privileged to become a part of their team."

Contentious goal earns Cannock win

Cannock M3s 3 Beeston 2
CANNOCK scored the winner with a contentious strike.

After leading 2-0 against the side sitting third in the table – thanks to goals from James Griffiths and Danny Swinnerton – Cannock were then pegged back.

The winning goal came when Jack Rolfe managed to make a slight touch on the ball to send it past the Beeston defender on the line.

Beeston disputed the goal and the umpires deliberated, but the goal stood.

Cannock M5s 4 Shrewsbury 6
CANNOCK again led 2-0, through Player of the Match Bruce Alcock and Lewis Michael, but were level at the break.

Alcock put Cannock ahead, Shrewsbury went 5-3 up before Tim Butler scored, but then Shrewsbury added another.

Cannock L3s 5 Bloxwich 0
CANNOCK scored five goals in a strong first half against a skilful Bloxwich keeper.

On target were Lucy Black (2), Vicky Wilkes, Jenna Martin and Emma Smith. Grace Johnson was named Player of the Match.

Cannock L4s 3 Tamworth 0
RHIA Mickewright gave Cannock a half-time lead, added a second after the break and Hannah Inglis notched the third.

Cannock L5s 0 Tamworth 1
CANNOCK attacked for most parts of the game, but couldn't find the net and went down 1-0. Charlotte Bellamy was the Player of the Match

Keeper catches eye in handball triumph

THE Olympia Cannock girls' team recorded the two victories need to secure the England Handball Association Under 16 League (North).

The Cannock girls defeated an improving Nottingham 10-6 and then secured top spot by beating Peninsula handball club (Wirral) 14-8.

National coaches were on hand to view the talent with Olympia goalkeeper Mia Williams catching the eye in a comprehensive team performance. Olympia and runners-up Shropshire will go through to the national finals later in the year.

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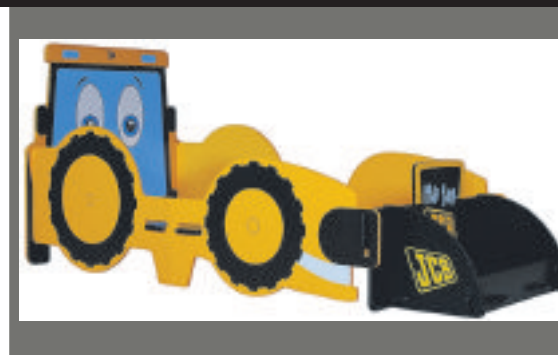
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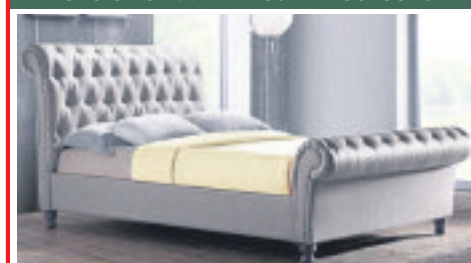
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